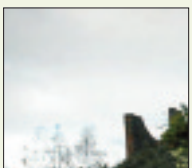
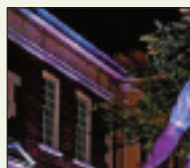


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## Schoolchildren hit the right note for big song event at Arena



Thousands of children packed out the LG arena, for the Young Voices concert

Youngsters from across the Black Country were joined by singing sensation Connie Talbot for the first of the region's annual Young Voices concerts.

More than 8,500 youngsters from 160 schools, aged between seven and 10 are taking part in the shows at Birmingham's LG Arena. The first of the three was held last night.

Dudley schools involved in the shows include Glynne Primary School, Kingswinford; Milkingbank Primary School, Dudley; Russells Hall Primary School, Dudley; Newfield Park Primary school, Halesowen; Lutley Primary school, Halesowen and Gig Mill Primary School, Stourbridge.

Streetly schoolgirl Connie Talbot, 11, who made her name on the ITV show Britain's Got Talent, sang her new song Beautiful World at the event. Pupils Amy Preece and Emily

Dunn-Bartlett both aged 10, from Glynne Primary School, Cot Lane, Kingswinford said they had a fantastic day at the LG Arena, and had enjoyed rehearsing for it at school.

Amy said: "We had our rehearsals at the after school club, and had extra ones as it came closer to the show."

### Favourite

Emily added: "Our favourite songs are the pop medley and the Queen medley, and we love doing the actions."

The second and third performances at the arena take place tonight and on Thursday.

The show was moved to Monday night, due to the public sector strike action. This is the 15th year of the Young Voices concerts which raises funds for children's cancer charity CLIC Sargent.



Amy Preece and Emily Dunn-Bartlett both aged 10 are from Glynne Primary School, Kingswinford

**Father claimed £15,000 benefits while using bank accounts to hide cash**

# FRAUDSTER HAD SECRET £57,000

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A father of two with £57,000 salted away in secret bank accounts has been locked up for pocketing more than £15,000 in a benefits scam. Balbir Rai concealed the cash from the Department for Work and Pensions, a court heard.

He spread it among nine different bank accounts, Wolverhampton Crown Court was told. The 36-year-old, of Coseley, told officials he had no savings to enable him to claim job seekers allowance. He continued to collect the benefit payments for almost two years before investigators found him out.

It was during this time the deposits in his secret accounts soared from almost £18,000 to £57,000.

Prosecutor Miss Laura Hobson said: "He claimed to have neither savings nor capital when making his written application for job seeker's allowance in June 2008, despite having nine bank accounts with £17,753 in them, a figure that increased steadily."

"It had risen to £28,000 the following month and by October 2009 the total was £57,000. As a result of his actions he was over paid £15,293 to which he had no entitlement."

"When these matters came to light he was reluctant to discuss his bank accounts, claiming not to understand the questions that he was being asked."

### Dismay

"When the evidence was put before him he expressed dismay that investigators had been able to access this information without his consent."

Rai, from Vicarage Road, claimed the money was financial support from an "uncle".

Mr Scott Coughtrie, defending, told the court on Monday: "He was desperate and going through a difficult time after separating from his wife. He had no money and no job and felt he was in dire circumstances."

Rai, who was of previous good character, admitting dishonestly making a false statement between June 30, 2008, and May 21, 2010.

Recorder William Edis QC jailed him for eight weeks and told him: "Many ordinary honest taxpayers would give their right arm to have savings of £57,000 in the bank but they do not go out and steal other people's money."

"You were by no means on your uppers when you made this claim and still kept claiming while you prospered."

## Folk musician Sunjay is a finalist



Student Sunjay Brayne, who has reached the finals of the Radio 2 Folk Awards

An 18-year-old performer from Dudley has been selected as a finalist in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Singer/guitarist Sunjay Brayne from Brierley Hill has been performing in and around the region for nearly two years.

The Kidderminster College music student is one of four finalists for Radio 2's Young Folk Award. The winner will be announced at The Lowry, Salford on February 8.

He has been playing the guitar since he was four-years-old and began singing a few years later.

Sunjay performs in pubs and other venues around the region and will be at the Red Lion in Shirley on Friday. He said he was pleased to have been selected for the final and was keeping his fingers crossed.

"It is very exciting but I have a long wait now. The calibre of the other finalists is very high but I am hoping I will win," he said.

Sunjay is currently studying for a Level 4 diploma in music at the college.

He has been asked to headline the Wessex Folk Festival 2012, which takes place in June, after a chance meeting with the organiser.

## Decision to rethink plans to shut down home welcome

Campaigners fighting the closure of a Kingswinford care home have welcomed the council's decision to rethink the controversial scheme.

Dudley Council leader Les Jones this week said the council would review the decision over the future of New Bradley Hall, which had been earmarked to shut in March 2013.

The announcement came after campaigners won the right for a special debate over the plans after collecting more than 5,000 signatures in opposition to the proposals which were originally given the go-ahead by the council's cabinet in September.

Councillor Jones told this week's full council meeting: "It may well be after considering how we approach the detailed proposals for consultation that New Bradley Hall may still close."

"However I do believe if we do this properly and manage the process and talk sensibly and properly to residents and their carers we can make a proper decision."

Leading campaigner, Mac Scott MBE, whose 94-year-old mother-in-law Irene Claridge lives at New Bradley Hall, said: "I credit Les Jones that he is willing to defer the decision for further discussion and negotiations. We welcome his offer and hope it will result in a positive outcome."

### Positive

Sylvia Heathcock from Kingswinford whose 95-year-old mother Alice is a resident at the home said: "I think it is really positive, it gives us some hope that they may keep it open."

Brenda Reece, whose 75-year-old husband Geoffrey is a resident said she was surprised and relieved at the announcement but added she would keep fighting the plans.

Sylvia Heathcock's sister Shirley Dobbie also went along to the meeting.

She said she thought their mother would be very pleased that the council had pledged to look again at the decision.

The council has been planning to shut the home, in Compton Drive, along with three others, New Bridge House in Coseley, New Swinford Hall in Stourbridge as well as Shenstone Residential Care Home in Halesowen, within three years in a shake-up of social services to encourage older people to live more independently.

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# Girlfriend is flung out of car

A motorist who was more than twice the drink drive limit crashed his car, causing his girlfriend to be thrown out of the vehicle, Dudley Magistrates Court was told. The vehicle ended up on its roof.

Todd Harris had been drinking before losing control of his mother's Renault Laguna in Hagley Road, Halesowen. Harris, aged 22, needed to be cut out of the vehicle by fire crews.

He was not seriously injured but his girlfriend needed treatment from paramedics at the scene.

Police arrested Harris and a breath test gave a reading of 96mg of alcohol in 100ml of breath. The limit is 35mg.

Harris, of Crabbe Street, Stourbridge, was disqualified from driving for 23 months and handed a community order including 40 hours of unpaid work.

The court heard Harris told police he did not remember the collision, which happened at 2.20am.

Mr Michael Doyle, defending, said Harris had left his house following a row between his mother and her partner the evening before the crash happened.

He went for a few drinks, which had included a pint of cider and some Jack Daniels whiskey, with his girlfriend before driving home.

"He thought wrongly that he was OK to drive," Mr Doyle said.

Harris was ordered at the hearing to pay £80 costs. He had pleaded guilty at an earlier hearing to driving with excess alcohol.

# Bus station progressing

A new £7 million bus station in a Black Country town is likely to open next spring with work on the building progressing quickly, officials say.

Work to create the terminus in Stourbridge has been taking place since the outdated station was closed in October 2010.

Bosses from Centro said the scheme for the station in Foster Street East remained on target for completion early 2012.

Steelwork at the main building has now been finished with glazing and the station's roof also nearing completion.

Inside the main building work is taking place to fit out a shopping area, public toilets and the manager's office.

The frame for an adjacent building has also been completed and works on the roof and cladding is nearly finished, bosses say.

Between this building and the neighbouring railway station canopies have been installed.

# Choral concert

Halesowen Choral Society will present Handel's Messiah for its latest concert next week at St Paul's Church, Long Lane, Blackheath. The show starts at 7.30pm on Saturday December 10 and tickets are £8, including refreshments. Tickets can be bought from choir members, by emailing tickets@halesowenchoralsociety.org or by calling 0121 550 7206.

# Talks over horses

Emergency talks are being held to tackle a contagious disease affecting horses at a nature reserve.

The RSPCA has "serious concerns" about the welfare of 30 animals tied up at Fens Pool Nature Reserve in Brierley Hill.

Options include removing some of the horses or treating them at the scene.

Many are believed to be suffering

from strangles, which causes abscesses in the neck.

RSPCA officers are holding meetings with Dudley Council and World Horse Welfare to look for a way to tackle the problem but the process is being held up by attempts to find the horses' owners.

The land is communal but council-owned, leading to disputes over who is responsible for the horses.

# Alleys to be closed

Three crime-hit back alleys and footpaths in Dudley will be closed off following a campaign of terror by yobs who have plagued neighbourhoods for years with burglaries, arson and abuse.

Figures from West Midlands Police show 70 reports of crime and anti-social behaviour have been lodged with officers during the past year from residents living along the paths,

ways, which go from Kilburn Drive to Holbeache Lane in Kingswinford, from Iris Close to Bunn's Lane in Kates Hill, and from Park Road to Maughan Street in Quarry Bank.

Transport chief Councillor Patrick Harley said he hoped the decision, set to be signed off, on December 2, would improve the quality of life for residents. Gates will be put in place to close off the paths.

# Countess of Dudley dies, 78

The Countess of Dudley, better known to film fans as actress Maureen Swanson, has died aged 78.

Lady Dudley married William Ward, then Viscount Ednam and later the fourth Earl of Dudley, in August 1961.

Maureen Swanson was born in Glasgow on November 25 1932 and developed a passion for dance, particularly ballet, from a young age.

She won a place at the Sadler's Wells Ballet School. She was later selected to perform with the Sadler's Wells Theatre Ballet Company.

It was while with the company she was spotted by a talent scout in a production at the Theatre Royal, in Drury Lane.

During the 1950s she became a familiar face to cinemagoers appearing in films such as Moulin Rouge, Knights of the Round Table and A Town Like Alice for the Rank Organisation. She gave up her screen career after marrying Viscount Ednam in 1961, just days after his divorce from his first wife was finalised. The couple's first son was born prematurely and lived for only a few hours.

They went on to have five daughters before the birth of another son in 1971. The countess died on November 16 and is survived by her husband and six children.



Countess of Dudley in 1996

# Residents called to foot bill on bin thefts

Dudley people are being asked to foot the bill after a spate of thefts of garden waste wheelie bins. New figures show thieves stole 349 of the green plastic bins from outside people's homes in the borough in one year.

Residents who fall victim are asked to pay £25 if they want the bin replaced. However, the council says there is discretion to waive the charge if a householder can prove they have taken good care to prevent damage or theft of their bins.

# Crime mum ordered to sell house

A mother who helped launder money from the sale of stolen cars has been ordered to sell her home to pay back £126,000 – or face more time in prison.

Mother-of-three Hayley Hughes, aged 40, was jailed last year after admitting 14 charges of money laundering. She was released on appeal after three months. At a Proceeds of Crime hearing at Birmingham Crown Court last week she was given six months to pay back the £126,000 in "criminally held assets", and told to sell her house to fund the payment.

If she does not meet the deadline, she will face a prison sentence of two years and three months.

Det Sgt Dave Treacy, from West Midlands Police's payback team, welcomed the ruling.

"This is an excellent example of our confiscation powers, removing the assets from criminals who seek to profit from their criminality," he said.

## Ill-gotten

"Any criminals who believe they can serve time and then be released from prison to a cosy nest-egg of ill-gotten gains can think again."

He said under the Proceeds of Crime Act that money would be taken away and handed to good causes.

Hughes, of Marshwood Croft, Halesowen, was jailed for two years in June last year, but after three months behind bars a panel of three appeal judges released her, agreeing that the original jail term was too harsh.

They replaced it with a 12-month sentence, suspended for 18 months, with a supervision order. The court had been told that Hughes was addicted to crack cocaine before getting into a relationship with criminal Lee Morris.

Morris, 36, is serving a 10-year jail term after pleading guilty to 36 burglaries, many of which involved stealing cars, pocketing an estimated £600,000. He was jailed in 2009 and ordered to pay back almost all his estimated profits at a Proceeds of Crime Act hearing in April last year.

Councillor David Stanley, said many of the bins were taken by youths, who used them to build bonfires to keep warm while they drank beer.

He added the thefts escalated during the autumn and winter and that the north of the borough – Gornal, Sedgley and Coseley – was hit the most.

Tony and Hazel Timmins, both aged 64, of Tiled House Lane, Pensnett, were staggered after their green recycling bin was stolen from the edge of their drive – and the council then demanded £25 for a replacement.

## Assessed

"The bin was full of privet as well, so we couldn't understand why anyone would want to steal it, particularly as it has our house number in big letters on it," said Mr Timmins, a retired bus driver.

The council says that since September, 11 residents have paid for the replacement of stolen bins.

Councillor Stanley said: "There is some discretion regarding stolen bins, which are assessed on an individual basis. For instance, some people have no choice if they live in a terrace house and have to leave their bins on display."

He added there had been cases of residents fraudulently requesting a replacement, claiming it was stolen. Dudley police said they were not aware of a problem with stolen wheelie bins.

## Police forum

A Pact (Police and Communities Together) meeting will take place at Dormston Centre, Mill Bank Sedgley on December 5 at 7pm.

# Myster-tree over drawings



Friends of the Park members Mike Willets, front, with Gordon Smith, top left, and Geoff Johnson

Mysterious drawings stuffed into empty mustard oil bottles have been found in a Black Country park in a bizarre series of events over recent weeks, residents claim.

Neighbours of Netherton Park in Dudley say the bottles of oil are being emptied over the trees, leaving stains, and left upside down at the base with the drawings rolled up inside in what has been suggested is some kind of mystic ritual.

Police confirmed they had received reports of the strange incidents.

Resident Gordon Smith, of Greaves Road near the park, said he was baffled. "This has been going on for several months," he said.

"There is usually a rolled up diagram, that depicts a human figure together with various signs and symbols, either inside the bottles or else placed near to the bottles at the

bases of the trees.

"The behaviour, that takes place either late at night or in the early morning, is leaving ugly stains on the trees and, as yet, no-one knows what the effect of the oil could have on the health of the trees. We are also worried the glass bottles could be broken on the paths."

"It has been suggested by various people who have done some research that it is an old superstition connected with Indian ancestry, perhaps connected to 'healing magic' for someone with a heart complaint, but we don't know for sure."

Sgt Jensen Bloomer, from the Netherton, Woodside and St Andrews neighbourhood policing team, said officers were aware of the situation and were investigating.

"Regular patrols are being carried out in the park area," he said.

# Festivities at Rock House

The Kinver Edge rock houses are opening for a special Christmas event on December 10 from 10am until 3pm.

The houses and tearooms will be decked with traditional decorations which will be made and put up by children at Brindley Heath Junior School.

There will be carol singers from local youth group Alive and Kicking and there will be mince pies and hot chocolate in the tea rooms.

Laura Broadhurst, community engagement officer at the National Trust, said: "It's really exciting to be able to bring the houses to life for Christmas, we've been overwhelmed by local support for the event and I'm really looking forward to it. I think it will definitely get people into the Christmas spirit."

# Christmas craft workshops date

Christmas-themed craft workshops are being staged in Stourport.

Staff at Bishop Wood Outdoor Education Centre will be helping visitors produce hand-made presents and decorations for their home using natural materials.

The workshop will be on December 3 between 10am and 2pm. An introduction to heading workshop is also being held on December 3, 10am to 2pm.

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Catherine Coakley, aged 19, of Oldbury has her eyebrows at Tesco plucked by beautician Ranjit Sandhu

## Russ's quiz is returning to pub

A popular quiz is returning to a Brierley Hill pub – after the man who used to run it found he was missing it too much. Quiz master Russ Johnson, aged 50, is going back to the New Wellington in Brettell Lane. He had been there for 11 years but moved away three months ago following a change of landlord. The new quiz night is on Sunday, starting at 8.45pm. Russ said: "The quiz is my pride and joy."

## MP's debt queries

The MP for Stourbridge is asking for residents' views about owing money as part of the business, innovation and skills select committee inquiry into debt management. It will focus on the Government's response to its consultation on managing, borrowing and dealing with debt. Margot James, who attended the first evidence session, said: "Being in debt is an extremely stressful experience and it is important that people in this situation are given the best advice."

## Weighbridge backed

Plans to install a weighbridge at a recycling site near Stourbridge have been approved. It will be built at Midlands Recycling in Rufford Street, Lye, after Dudley Council planners unanimously backed the application. A report on the proposals said there had been a long planning history for the site dating back to the 1940s.

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# The store with the healthy check-out

Shoppers will soon be able to get a health check when they pop into a £27million supermarket which has opened its doors in the Black Country.

A Dudley doctor's surgery has set up weekly clinics at the Tesco Extra at Burnt Tree Island where they can have free health and wellbeing checks.

The store is also running a midwife-run healthy pregnancy clinic for mothers-to-be and reflexology sessions with advice on baby health – both of which are being trialled by Tesco for the first time.

It is the latest in a series of innovations at the supermarket after a beauty salon and Domino's Pizza store were launched at the site which opened on the Dudley/Sandwell

border last month. The health and well-being checks will be run by senior nurses and GPs from Kates Hill Surgery, Wolverton Road.

They will take place every Wednesday between 11am and 1pm and shoppers can have their blood pressure taken, their height and weight measured and their blood sugar levels checked.

## Advice

They can also get advice on how to have a healthy lifestyle and stop smoking.

The pregnancy clinic runs every Monday between 10am and 2.30pm where people can get advice on issues including morning sickness and indigestion.

Sessions which involve reflexology and

baby health are held once every two weeks on a Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Puneet Janjua, of Tesco, said: "We are delighted to welcome the new NHS clinic to our Dudley Extra store which we think will bring real benefits to the local community."

"Having a clinic within the store will make it easier for our customers to be healthy whether it is having their blood pressure checked, getting advice on managing their diabetes or seeking practical advice and support to stop smoking."

Kates Hill practice manager Christine Maxfield added: "The store has provided us with a dedicated room where people can come to talk to our highly experienced health care professionals and get help."

# Borough's schools given good marks

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More than half the schools in Dudley inspected in the last academic year are providing children with a good or outstanding education, latest Ofsted figures show.

Of the 29 schools inspected, two were rated outstanding and 13 good. Three schools were judged to be inadequate, with 11 seen as satisfactory, the education watchdog's annual report revealed.

The figures relate to nursery, primary, secondary and special schools, as well as academies.

Commenting on the success of schools in Dudley, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector Miriam Rosen said: "Everyone who has contributed towards the delivery of the outstanding services across the Black Country deserves our recognition."

"From the visits I make around the country, I know just how much hard work and dedication goes into delivering the best outcomes for children, young people and learners. I hope others will be inspired by these successful providers."

Nationally, almost a third of schools were rated not good enough by Ofsted and many are failing to improve.

The report shows that of all schools in England, 30 per cent were rated either as only satisfactory or inadequate.

## How they were rated

**OUTSTANDING**  
High Arcal  
Old Park

**GOOD**  
Netherton Park Children's Centre  
Hasbury CofE Primary  
Alder Coppice Primary  
Northfield Road Primary  
Manor Way Primary  
Withymoor Primary  
Dawley Brook Primary  
St Chad's Catholic Primary  
Peter's Hill Primary  
Brierley Hill Primary  
Pedmore Technology College and Community  
Woodseton  
Sutton School and Specialist College

**SATISFACTORY**  
Tenterfields Primary  
Blowers Green Primary  
Queen Victoria Primary  
Wallbrook Primary  
Foxyards Primary  
Quarry Bank Primary  
Olive Hill Primary  
Dudley Wood Primary  
Thorns Primary  
Brookmoor Primary  
Crestwood

**INADEQUATE**  
Hawbush Primary  
CofE School of St Edmund and St John  
Thorns Community College

## Delighted

Gill Cartwright, who is head-teacher at The Old Park School, Corby Road, Dudley, which was rated outstanding, said: "We are delighted to be one of only two schools to be rated outstanding in Dudley."

"It's testament to the hard work of staff."

Elsewhere in the region, four schools in Wolverhampton were judged to be inadequate, with 11 satisfactory, 11 good and one outstanding.

In Walsall, only one school was inadequate, 16 were satisfactory, seven good and three outstanding.

In Sandwell, four schools were rated outstanding and 15 good. Two schools were judged to be inadequate, while 14 were satisfactory.

Across Staffordshire, five schools were given the top rating, while 19 were judged as good. Only one school was rated inadequate, while 22 were rated satisfactory.

## Hayley's model dreams



Hayley Simcox of Lower Gornal is in the final of the Ann Summers contest

An aspiring model from Lower Gornal is hoping to land a contract to become the face of a high street lingerie chain.

Shop assistant Hayley Simcox, aged 20, has made the final 10 of a competition organised by Ann Summers.

The public will decide, through an online voting campaign, who will go on to star in ad campaigns for the company. Former Ellowes Hall pupil Hayley, of Robert Street, put herself forward and after initial auditions,

judges gave her a top 10 berth.

She has starred in a television ad campaign for the store and will appear on magazines and posters along with her fellow models to promote the contest.

"It has been surreal seeing myself in the window of stores on posters but it is such an amazing feeling," she said.

She works in the Footasylum store in Merry Hill shopping centre and says the support from her colleagues, her parents Melaine and Alan and older sister Stacey has been a big help.

# Pub fails in bid for drinks to 3.30am

A pub in Dudley has lost its bid to serve drinks longer into the early hours following a series of complaints from residents who are fed-up about being disturbed.

The Earl of Dudley Arms wanted to serve customers until 3.30am on Friday and Saturday nights and 2am overnight on Sundays.

Councillors rejected that application claiming it would be a nuisance for those living nearby.

But members of Dudley Council's licensing committee did grant the pub in Wellington Road, some concessions.

They gave permission for live music and discos and said it could continue serving until 2am on Fridays and Saturdays.

Landlord Orville Hines said the pub had needed to extend its hours to compete with late night pubs and clubs.

He added noise complaints had occurred when he had hired out his function room and third parties had brought their own sound equipment and speakers.

## Peace

"I feel that I have been able to monitor and keep the situation under control for 10 years and we have not had any problems with the police," said Mr Hines who has been in charge of the Earl of Dudley Arms since 2002.

"I'm not trying to annoy my neighbours. Residents living near the pub are potential customers which would mean money in my till so why would I do that?"

Speaking at last week's meeting, ward Councillor Malcolm Davis said: "I just want the neighbours to live in peace and tranquillity."

"I do not think anybody should have to put up with a noise nuisance." The committee heard there had been an "escalation" of complaints since August and officials had issued a noise abatement notice.

But Mr Hines had demonstrated his willingness to work with the council to solve the problem.

He had employed door staff, had CCTV and asked people who look under 25 for any ID before serving them alcohol.

## Touring duo will sing at church

A husband and wife are warming up their vocal chords for a special Christmas show at a Himley church.

Chris and Abby Eaton will perform at Himley Road Methodist Church, on Monday, December 12, at 7.30pm, as part of their Birthday of the King concert tour.

Singer-songwriter Chris, who is a regular worshiper at the church in between shows, will join his wife to sign CDs. Tickets are £5. To book send a cheque and stamped addressed envelope to Jeremy Turner, at 16 Hopyard Lane, Gornal Wood, Dudley, DY3 2XD.

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Tommy Mundon - happy

## Blackpool honour for comedian Tommy

Veteran Black Country entertainer Tommy Mundon has had his name immortalised in granite as part of a new "comedy carpet" in front of Blackpool Tower.

The 77-year-old comedian said he was "gobsmacked" at the news.

And he is in side-splittingly good company with more than 1,000 comedians from the last 100 years - from Mae West to Matt Lucas.

The Black Country star, who is still performing despite battling against Parkinson's Disease, only knew he featured on the 2,200 square metre piece of art when a friend returned from Blackpool and told him they had seen his name on it.

And he doesn't mind at all that millions of people are likely to walk all over him in future decades, or even centuries, as his name features alongside his comedy heroes Ken Dodd and Frankie Howard, as well as Spike Milligan, Peter Cook and Morecambe and Wise.

On his own particular "slab" of the incredible work of art, close to a "Monty Python" section, are comedians near to him alphabetically, including Frank Muir, Al Murray and Neil Morrissey.

### Chuffed

"It's bostin' news and I'm gobsmacked and really chuffed that people are now walking all over me," said Tommy, who lives with his wife, Val, in Alexandra Road, Halesowen.

"I've only ever performed in Blackpool three times - more than 10 years ago at private functions for something like the George Formby Society's annual dinner. So to feature alongside all those famous comedians is a surprise to me."

Artist Gordon Young and designer Andy Altmann have been creating the artwork which is the centrepiece of the new headland under Blackpool Tower, over the last five years. It is made from more than 180,000 pieces of granite letters set in concrete blocks and was launched by Ken Dodd.

Mr Young said: "We wanted to mark the fact so many wonderful British and international comedians had appeared in Blackpool. With the help of local expert Barry Band we were able to find almost 1,000 funny men and women who had performed in Blackpool, including Tommy Mundon, and their contribution to entertainment history is now set in stone."

## Help plea after theft

Up to £12,000 worth of property including flat screen TVs, Nintendo Wii Fit boards and docking stations have been stolen during a burglary in Kingswinford. Police are appealing for help from anyone who spotted something suspicious outside the property in Greenfield Road.

De Louise Davis said: "A large amount of high value property has

been stolen including flat screen TVs. I am sure a car must have been parked within close proximity of the property in order for the offenders to make their escape.

The burglary happened on November 7 between 3.30pm and 8.20pm. Witnesses should contact Dudley CID by dialling 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

## Road closure warning

A series of road closures will be taking place in the Dudley area this month for resurfacing works. Motorists are being advised that The Quadrant in Sedgley will be closed between December 9-13 from 8am to 4pm.

Junction Road in Stourbridge will be closed overnight between Stepping Stones and Hungary Hill junctions

from 11pm in a separate scheme.

This takes place each night from December 10-13.

Another project will take place in Junction Street, Dudley, from December 5-19 from 8am to 4pm. The diversion route will be Queens Cross, Blowers Green Road and Aston Road.

Access to frontages will be maintained where safe to do so.

## Doctors pick up honour

A group of GPs from Dudley who are at the forefront of taking over NHS services are celebrating after winning a national award.

The Dudley Clinical Commissioning Group won the award for Commissioning Organisation of the Year at the Health Service Journal awards in London.

The awards are open to all NHS trusts and CCGs to demonstrate excellence in patient care and organisational management.

Dr David Hegarty, chairman of Dudley CCG, said: "We are pleased that all our hard work over the past 12 months has been recognised."

"The competition was tough and we were up against some excellent organisations, which makes the award even more valuable to us."

### Strength

"Although the award recognises our achievements, we are not complacent."

"I believe our strength lies in the engagement between managers, clinicians and partners, collaborating to understand the needs of Dudley people, drive service improvements and improve the quality of care for people in the Dudley Borough, this will remain our focus."

NHS Dudley Pharmacy Team was also shortlisted for the Work Force Development Award for its work on pharmacists with special interests.

# Officers to launch a crackdown on crime

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Police officers will be visiting newly-released prisoners at their homes in Dudley as part of new crackdown on the seasonal rise in crime in the run-up to Christmas.

Uniformed and plain-clothed officers will be visiting people suspected of breaching the rules of their prison release curfews. As part of the blitz, warrants will also be executed for cases where people who have failed to appear before the courts when charged, breaching their curfew restrictions or not adhering to the conditions of their licence.

## Christmas festival in the town centre

A Christmas celebration featuring a market, grotto and music will be held in Stourbridge on Saturday. The Christmas Festival takes place from 10am to 4pm throughout the town.

The High Street will be closed to traffic for a Christmas market.

Youngsters can visit Santa's grotto and there will be street theatre and live music including a performance from boy band Eli Prime at 3.30pm. Father Christmas and the Mayor of Dudley Councillor Michael Evans will switch on the tree lights at 4pm.

Councillor Angus Adams, cabinet member for regeneration, said: "Stourbridge town centre is a great place to do Christmas shopping and with the bumper Christmas market there will be even more gifts on offer."

For more information visit [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk)

## Pregnant women are urged to get free flu jab

Less than a quarter of pregnant women in the Black Country eligible for a free flu jab have so far had it, new figures show. Health chiefs are urging as many people as possible to take up the offer.

Pregnant women are particularly at risk of swine flu, which is expected to be circulating again this winter. Those who catch it have an increased risk of developing serious complications such as bronchitis and pneumonia and also risk a premature or still birth.

Valerie Little, director of public health in Dudley said: "The vaccine is perfectly safe for mum and baby and can be given at any stage during pregnancy. The vaccine may also give the baby some protection against flu during the first six months of life."

## Ken Dodd set to return

Veteran comedian Ken Dodd has announced he will be performing in Dudley next year. The 84-year-old funnyman will be bringing his Happiness show to Dudley Concert Hall on March 17. Tickets are between £17.50 and £18.50 for the stalls and £19.50 for the balcony. To book call the box office on 01384 812812.

## Classic tale is brought to stage



John Luckcock as Badger and Rebecca Clew as Mole get ready

Classic characters Ratty, Mole and the flamboyant Mr Toad will come to life on stage in Dudley next week.

Dudley Little Theatre will present its own version of Kenneth Grahame's much-loved story The Wind in the Willows.

Rehearsals are in full swing for the production, which will run from December 7 to 10 with an afternoon matinee on December 12 at Netherton Arts Centre.

Performers will bring to a life a summer's day by a riverbank as three friends enjoy a picnic and venture out

on to the open road and fight the dastardly Chief Weasel and his followers.

Christine Ridgeway, of Dudley Little Theatre, said: "With its appeal to theatre-goers of all ages, it is the perfect pre-christmas treat for all the family."

Evening performances start at 7.30pm. The curtain will rise on the Saturday afternoon matinee at 2.30pm. Tickets cost £6 and £5 and are available in advance from Dudley Council Plus in Castle Street, Dudley and Flavell's Butchers in Netherton or from the box office on the night.

## Work starts on repairing canal gates

Essential repairs to a stretch of canal in Brierley Hill have started as part of a £50 million national scheme. British Waterways began work on Monday at Dudley No.1 Canal.

Replacement lock gates at Delph Lock No.4 will be installed by specialist engineers from the organisation.

Expert staff held public demonstrations and historians gave guided tours of the Grade II listed Delph Locks last week.

People saw the gates being pulled out by crane, talked to the on-site maintenance team and saw what techniques are used by British Waterways to maintain the locks.

Construction Supervisor Adam Bannister said: "These are all essential works to keep the waterways in the best possible condition we can."

British Waterways looks after a massive 1,650 lock gates across the country and over the next few months over 100 hand-crafted British oak lock gates will be replaced.

## Hall seeks funds

Rising energy bills have prompted Stourton Village Hall, near Stourbridge, to launch an appeal for funds.

Margaret Rogers, spokeswoman for the hall, said: "We are trying to raise much needed funds to help with the ever increasing energy bills."

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## Parking plans for hospital

Bosses at Dudley's Russells Hall Hospital will submit a planning application for up to 50 additional parking spaces for workers at the site in the New Year.

Detailed proposals are being drawn up for the extra spots which will be created on land behind the new £6million staff car park.

Controversial plans to issue permits to hundreds of workers have been put on hold while the hospital chiefs test out other systems including a car park specifically for staff making frequent visits to the site.

Chief executive Paula Clark said: "We are currently developing both a planning application and design proposals to provide additional staff parking spaces at the rear of Russells Hall Hospital."

More than 3,000 workers applied for a pass and hospital bosses had been due to make a final decision on the number of available permits in July but have yet to make an announcement.

The majority of applications were for Russells Hall where there are 1,123 staff spaces, including 691 at the new multi-story.

## Students cater for festive food

CATERING students at Halesowen College will be cooking up a festive feast to mark the launch of their Christmas menu.

First and second year students will transform their training restaurant and serve an array of traditional and creative treats from December 7 to 9 and December 13 to 16.

Claire Abson, restaurant trainer and assessor, said: "Come and relax into Christmas with your friends, family and work colleagues and enjoy a truly festive feast."

Guests should arrive for a pre-dinner aperitif at 6.45pm ready for dinner to be served at 7pm.

Meals are £14.95 per person. For more details call the booking centre between 8am and 5pm on 0121 602 7851 or 0121 602 7777 ext 211 between 5pm and 9pm.

## A seasonal blast from brass band

A BRASS band in Halesowen will raise the roof of a Cradley church for a seasonal performance in the run-up to their 25th anniversary.

Halesowen Brass Band will perform a host of traditional carols at Overend Methodist Mission, on Banners Street, at 6pm, on Sunday December 4.

Organiser Margaret Bradley said: "We are particularly fortunate in having our own band in Halesowen. This is a wonderful opportunity for people to get into the Christmas spirit."

The concert is free but donations for the band are encouraged.

## St John opens its centres to groups

ST JOHN Ambulance in will open its doors to groups and businesses in Dudley borough to help raise much needed funds.

In addition to premises, Vicar Street, Dudley, and Manor Way, Halesowen, being used for charitable, operational and training purposes, others in the community are invited to make use of the centre.

The extra income made from the scheme will help fund the charities life-saving work over the festive season. There are more than 20 properties available for hire in the West Midlands. visit [www.sja.org.uk/wmds](http://www.sja.org.uk/wmds) or call County headquarters on 0121 236 6660 for more information.



1973: Nicola with posters of pop star Donny Osmond



1972: Santa Claus at Tesco in Stourbridge



1973: A girl in a hood wraps up for the cold



1973: Santa at Stringers department store



1975: A photograph of a girl called Louise

# Show to focus on 70s

**P**EERING into the lens, these subjects could never have known that a snapshot from their lives almost 40 years ago would one day be gracing the walls of a top Midland gallery.

But a series of images taken by a former University of Wolverhampton lecturer which captured life in Stourbridge are set to form part of a new exhibition of his work which will be displayed at the Ikon Gallery in Birmingham.

Taken from a decade which has long been consigned to history, these images help bring the 1970s back to life, recalling everything from the fashions of the time to the style of wallpaper on bedroom walls throughout the region.

And they capture some long gone locations in the town which are still familiar to many, including a couple of Santas at the old Tesco and Stringers department store which were both in the town centre at the time.

They are just a few of the images included in the Middle England exhibition by John Myers which opened at the gallery this Wednesday 30.

Originally from Bradford, the 66-year-old first moved to Stourbridge when he became a senior lecturer at Stourbridge College in 1969.

It was a few short years later when he embarked on his documentary-style photography project capturing families between 1973 and 1975.

### Pleased

He said: "They were all taken more or less around where I lived in Brook Road. In those days, I didn't have a car, so most of my photographs were taken nearby."

"Many of them were of people I knew in those days, some were students and some were people I may have come across."

He said that he believed his subjects would be pleased that the images are being brought into view of the public - in may cases for the first time.

"It is a bit of a surprise for them," he added. Although he no longer takes photographs, preferring painting these days, Mr Myers first started taking images in 1972. His work was quickly picked up, with selected images first being published in Camera in 1973.

In the same year, 12 portraits were exhibited in the seminal exhibition Serpentine Photography, Arts Council of Great Britain at the Serpentine Gallery in London. His work was also featured in Creative Camera in 1974, the



1973: Peter Olley with his Staffies, Jessie and Eve

London Magazine in 1975 and in the same year British Image 1 which showcased along with Mr Myers a new generation of British photographers.

The exhibition which will open at Ikon will also include a number of other stark images including studies of television sets and landscapes taken around the area.

They include photographs of the dual carriageway at Hagley heading towards the M5 and the lift doors at the Waitrose supermarket in the town.

Mr Myers said: "What we have got to remember about photography then and now is that it is obsessed with the notion of what is beautiful, such as sunsets and waterfalls."

"In Stourbridge you have got to come to terms with things like the ring road, the dual carriageway out at Hagley and housing estates, just like anywhere else in the country. Really it



Other side of the camera - photographer John Myers in 1973 Picture by Dennis Roberts

stands for similar towns across the country."

He added: "You photograph the world you live in."

Mr Myers said that in those days it was also much easier to go and take the photographs he did: "You didn't need to go and ask permission, people were a lot more relaxed."

The display came about after bosses at the Ikon Gallery decided to put together an exhibition of work that the gallery had shown in the 1970s. They contacted Mr Myers wrongly under the impression that his photographs had been shown there.

In fact it emerged that a booklet of 24 photographs he had published had found its way into the Ikon library or office during the decade. So, after a series of meetings, the bosses at the gallery decided instead to put on a separate exhibition.

He added: "Many of the photographs had



1973: Two snooker players at the Conservative club

never been seen since they were printed in the 1970s and I had forgotten about them."

"I discovered a set of 10 TV photographs, still in their original Ilford box, in the corner of my studio. In addition to these unearthed images, there were also negatives that had never been printed."

Ten portraits from the Middle England series will be displayed in frames on hoardings surrounding the Library of Birmingham outside the Birmingham Rep theatre for the duration of the exhibition.

● Middle England will run until February 5 at the Ikon Gallery in Brindleyplace, Birmingham. Admission is free and it is open between Tuesdays and Sundays between 11am and 6pm. For more information log on to [www.ikon-gallery.co.uk](http://www.ikon-gallery.co.uk)

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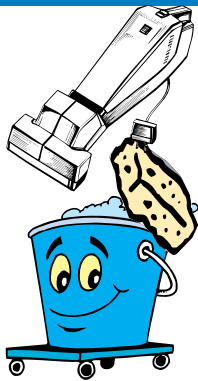
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# Howling dogs lead to woman in court

A dog owner was given a £320 court bill after neighbours complained her two pets were barking and howling in the evening, causing a noise nuisance.

Bus driver Rachel Bell, aged 50, was found guilty of breaching a noise abatement order at Dudley Magis-

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trates Court following a trial.

Magistrates last week told her she must recognise the "annoyance" her dogs' noise might cause neighbours - but said they sympathised with her

position and cancelled the £5,000 penalty she could have faced.

Instead Bell, of Highfield Road, Sedgley, was given a conditional discharge for 12 months, and ordered to pay £320 court costs.

The court heard a noise abatement order was issued in February following complaints from Bell's next door neighbour.

Dudley Council officers visited the neighbour's home at around 6.40pm on March 6 following continued complaints, and community safety officer John Jones said in evidence the noise from the animals - a border collie and a Yorkshire Terrier-cross - had been "excessive" and could be heard over the television.

In defence, Tottenham fan Bell said on that date she had been to see Spurs' match against Wolves at Molineux, and had returned home by the time Mr Jones visited her neighbours.

She denied there had been any excessive barking, claiming they had only barked in greeting.

Chairman of magistrates Mr Robert Gilbert said: "I am a dog owner myself and sometimes dogs do bark - we appreciate that," he said. "But if you do have neighbours it can also be a major annoyance to them. If you can keep that to a minimum it's in your own interests."

## Pampering for caring Pauline



Carer Pauline Heathcock, right, with Judith Worrall and Julie Miller, from Kidderminster, enjoying star treatment

A CARER for children and young people in Dudley has been given a five-star thank you from Barnardo's for her commitment to their fostering service.

Pauline Heathcock provides short respite breaks to children who live with Barnardo's foster parents across the West Midlands.

Pauline was one of 54 carers invited to an all expenses paid pamper day at the Copthorne Hotel, Merry Hill.

Tracey Coleman, support worker at Barnardo's fostering service, said: "We have fantastic carers who give their time and love tirelessly to make a difference to children and young people who have had a really difficult start and some who also have disabilities.

"This is a great way of giving them some time out and showing them they really are

valued. We are very grateful to the Copthorne Hotel who generously offered their facilities for the day free of charge."

The family placement service recruit, train and provide ongoing support for carers and are constantly looking for more black and ethnic minority volunteers to get involved.

### Chance

Matt Ward, father of two and general manager at the Copthorne hotel, said: "When the chance to open our doors to the local community and help people who are so committed to children came up we were really keen to get involved.

"It was the perfect opportunity to be able to support Barnardo's and the great work they do."

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## New opening

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## Patients face trip for vital op

Patients with a life-threatening condition may soon have to travel further for emergency surgery.

One in four patients in the Black Country die as a result of an abdominal aortic aneurysm, a rupture of the main blood vessel in the stomach that can kill quickly.

In a bid to try and save more lives, health chiefs are planning to scrap vascular surgery at Wolverhampton, Walsall and Dudley hospitals in favour of creating an expert centre.

A decision on where that specialist centre will be based will be made next month.

The region's primary care trusts accept that travelling further will increase the risk to patients, but says they will have a greater chance of surviving if they are taken to a specialist unit.

### Screening

A review of vascular surgery in the Black Country has found all three hospitals are not meeting standards.

The PCT also plans to introduce a screening programme to try and catch people at high-risk.

Steve Corton, from the Black Country Cluster of PCTs, said: "Evidence shows mortality rates drop and patient recovery is better with this kind of service."

"Is there a greater risk for patients travelling further?"

"The truth is yes but the risk would be compared with having the specialist centre and reducing that risk as best you can."

## Booth is given the go-ahead

A new paint booth will be built at a Dudley Council depot despite neighbouring residents voicing concerns about potential smells.

The plans for the Lister Road site were given the go-ahead by the authority's development control committee.

Planners said that water-based paints, which do not smell as much, will also be used rather than oil-based products.

The existing booth is used to repair and maintain machinery required for the council services based at the depot.

### Ventilation

The new facility put in its place will have cooling and ventilation equipment including three external flues which require planning permission.

A petition signed by 41 residents was submitted against the plans, raising worries about the smell which could result from paint fumes.

There were also concerns about whether there would be an additional demand for parking on the site as a result of the work.

## A sizzling success for Craig

A butcher from Dudley is celebrating after winning a host of accolades for his sausages at an annual fair.

Craig Finch entered three sausage varieties in the British pork products competition, held as part of the English Winter Fair at Staffordshire Showground.

All three varieties – plain pork, honey and mustard, and pork and leek – received a gold award. The plain pork was also named best in its category.

Hundreds of people entered products into the show.

Craig, who opened his own store Craig Finch Butchers in Bridgnorth's Market Hall a year ago, said he was delighted with the awards.

The 30-year-old, who lives in Gornal Wood, spent 15 years perfecting his skills under the guidance of Michael Kirk Butchers, Wolverhampton.

Craig said: "It makes you feel proud when your products are recognised. It makes such a difference having certificates on the counter."

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Butcher Craig Finch with his award-winning sausages

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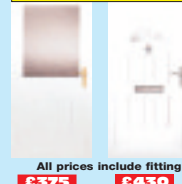
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# They are quite lively, they are good fun – especially in the wet, says Chris, 25

## Once they were ‘nerdy’ cars now they have youth appeal

CHRIS Whitehouse was barely born when the last Ford Capri rolled off the production line in December, 1986.

This year he bought his third Capri, seven years after picking up his first at the tender age of 18.

“Drivers of modern cars would be surprised if they drove one of these, especially in the wet,” he says. “They are quite lively, they are good fun.”

The 25-year-old HGV driver is one of a growing number of young motorists who are turning to older cars. A survey

by breakdown company Britannia Rescue revealed that older cars, including many once considered unfashionable or “nerdy”, are among the most popular with drivers under the age of 40.

A few years ago it would have been hard to imagine the Capri – the preferred transport of Terry McCann out of Minder – as being a popular choice

among the younger set. Del Boy, in Only Fools and Horses also owned a Capri.

“One or two people have called me Del Boy,” admits Chris, from Habberley Road, Rowley Regis.

But soaring insurance costs, coupled with the simple mechanics and low depreciation of older cars, has led to a surge in demand for cars from the 1970s and 80s.

And many image conscious youngsters have cottoned on to the fact that an older car, even a run-of-the-mill motor such as a Vauxhall Cavalier or Ford Sierra, will cut far more of a dash than the lookalike vehicles of today.

“I’ve always had a thing for Capris, I just like the shape,” says Chris, who also has a modern Volvo.

“I get far more people look at me in the Capri than I do in the Volvo, and that is all body-kitted up,” he says.

“But for a lot of young people it is the cost of insurance. When you hit 21 the

classic car insurance kicks in, and it’s the difference between paying £300 and three grand.

“Also, the prices are shooting up. If you buy a Corsa or something, it’s worth next to nothing when you come to sell.”

Another youngster who has caught on to the appeal of classic motoring is 17-year-old Sam Rodgers from Brierley Hill, near Dudley, who spent two-and-a-half years restoring his 1989 Mini with the help of his father.

“At first, when I was growing up, I wanted a Clio or something like that, but by the time I was 14 I really wanted a Mini,” says Sam, who is studying for his A-levels at King Edward VI College in Stourbridge.

“My dad said if I really wanted one I could have one, but we would have to do it ourselves.

“We paid £100 for it, and then every night we had free we were out in the garage working on it. More young people are looking at older cars, but it has to be a particular type.

“There is a lad I was at school with, he’s got a Mini now, and there is someone at college who has got an old Beetle.”

Brett Guest, a chef from the Kates



Left: Sam Rodgers, aged 17, with his 1989 Mini and, right, the 1966 Mk1 Cortina that is the pride and joy of 35-year old chef Brett Guest



Chris Whitehouse, aged 25, with his Ford Capri – “they are good fun”

Hill area of Dudley, was 30 years old when he bought his 1966 Mk1 Ford Cortina five years ago.

“Every time you fill up with petrol it takes you half an hour, because everybody wants to talk to you about it,” he says.

“If you look at modern cars today, they all look the same. A few years ago the Subaru Impreza had its own shape, but now if you park a Subaru Impreza, a Seat Leon and a Ford Focus ST next to one another, it would be hard to tell which was which.”

Now 35, Brett says his 15-year-old son will eventually inherit his immaculate Cortina.

Television and film exposure could be another reason why some seemingly unlikely cars have become the must-have thing among the younger generation.

A few years ago the Honda Civic was not a car that would normally be associated with youth culture.

While praised for its engineering

and durability, it suffered from an “old man’s car image” – perhaps not helped by its appearance as Victor Meldrew’s car in One Foot In The Grave.

But the 2001-2003 Civic tops the poll of “geek chic” cars in Britannia Rescue survey, with 45 per cent of classic car dealers reporting renewed interest in the car following an appearance in the film The Fast and The Furious.

However, the 1,115 drivers aged 18 to 38 who took part in the survey said their liking for older cars had nothing to do with their celebrity status, and was more to do with style (19 per cent) and low depreciation (18 per cent).

Even the much-derided Austin Maxi seems to be gaining a new lease of life.

“A lad over the road has got a Maxi, it has been in his family since about 1973,” says Brett.

“He put it up for sale a while ago and he was over-run with kids wanting to buy it. In the end he decided he couldn’t part with it.”

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## Woman in £32,000 benefits fraud

A fraudster from Halesowen illegally pocketed around £32,000 in benefits, Wolverhampton Crown Court heard.

Marie Flavell collected income support along with housing and council tax pay outs to which she was not entitled for two years before the con was uncovered by investigators.

The 42-year-old, who had been legitimately claiming the state handouts as a lone parent, failed to notify the authorities when her boyfriend set up

home with her, revealed prosecutor Joe Templeton.

She was paid more than £80,000 in benefits since the original claim was made but only around £32,000 of that was received fraudulently, the court heard.

### Circumstances

Ironically, she would have got roughly the same amount of money in different benefits such as tax credit if she had told the truth about her circumstances, Mr Anthony Bell, defend-

ing, said. "She was not enjoying a life of luxury. It was still life on the breadline," he added.

Flavell, from Huntlands Road, admitted last week to failing to report a change in her circumstances between 2007 and 2009 and was given a 20-week prison sentence suspended for 18 months under supervision and ordered to do 180 hours unpaid work.

Judge Michael Dudley said "hard working people" were fed up with cheats.

## Fishing lake plan approved

A revived bid to install a fishing lake on land in Halesowen has been given the go-ahead despite concerns over wildlife.

Proposals for the development on land currently used for horse grazing in Hagley Road were thrown out by Dudley Council planners last year and dismissed on appeal by the planning inspectorate.

But renewed plans without an amenity building, which was originally proposed, were approved by the council's development control committee last week.

Ward councillor Ken Turner told the meeting that 25 people had raised concerns and said he was "surprised" the plans had been submitted again.

He said important wildlife and archaeology at the site would be lost.

Residents were worried there will be extra traffic and also have concerns about the noise, he said.

But landowner Andy Foxhall said he had worked with the Environment Agency and they had not objected to the proposals.

## Landlord of the Year award

A property businessman with houses across Sedgley and Gornal has won a prestigious Landlord of the Year award in a national ceremony.

The national Landlord and Lettings Awards were held on November 16 and Andy Burton beat 20 others from across the country to claim the crown.

It is the third time Mr Burton, who is also a director at Cradley Heath firm Orbit Bearings and Transmission, has taken home a prize from the event, but the first time he has been named Landlord of the Year.

"I'm really proud to have been awarded this," said Mr Burton, aged 57, of Compton Road, Wolverhampton.

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Andy Burton celebrates winning this year's national Landlord of the Year award

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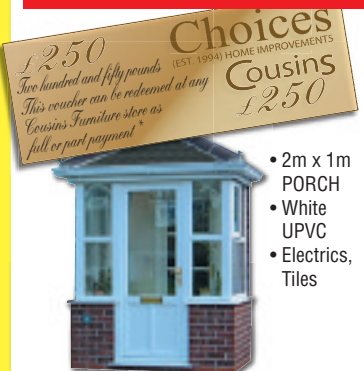
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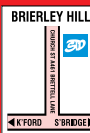
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# Options for troubled park to be discussed

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A dispersal order giving the police powers to break up nuisance gangs could be brought in at a trouble-plagued beauty spot in Wordsley.

The order is just one of the options being considered for King George V Park.

Other suggestions include installing floodlights at the children's play area where youths are known to gather at night.

The possible measures to protect the park from booze-fuelled vandal attacks will be discussed at a meeting of residents, councillors and police.

The meeting has been organised following a number of attacks over the years.

As well as the dispersal order covering Bell Lane, the times the park is locked up, and whether parts of the site should remain open to allow police quicker access should trouble be reported, will also be discussed.

The meeting will take place at the park tomorrow, December 2 and involves nearby residents, police, councillors and members of Dudley Council's Green Care team which looks after the park.

Plants have been torn up, litter strewn around the site and items such as fences and benches have been destroyed in previous attacks.

## Support

Councillor Geoffrey Southall said residents reported that problems were continuing at the beauty spot at night.

He added: "This meeting has been organised to try and deal with this problem once and for all," he said.

"We are looking at the possibility of seeking a dispersal order for Bells Lane as one of the measures, and this meeting will allow us to gauge the support for that."

"Police will be taking part in the meeting so they will be able to take away the opinions given at the meeting in terms of that idea."

"We also want to get the views on floodlighting the play area as a deterrent against people gathering there at night."

"Presently the park is locked at night, although the times this happens seems to vary. This is also something we will be looking at."

Councillor Southall said that while it was not a public meeting, residents had been invited after councillors were approached by householders at a recent meeting of Brierley Hill Area Committee.

## Santas set for festive run



Natasha Newman, Lucy Rutherford, Matthew Bright and Nigel Smith, from Waitrose, prepare for the Santa run

More than 400 people have signed up for an annual festive fun run in Stourbridge. Around 700 places are up for grabs in the Santa Jog organised in aid of Mary Stevens Hospice. Among those heading to Mary Stevens Park for the 5k route on December 11 at 10.30am will be 21 members of staff from Waitrose. Led by acting branch manager David Harcourt, the team has been in training for weeks.

More than 540 people entered the event in 2010, despite the snow, and the hospice fundraising team says it has been delighted with the response so far. Janet Jones, head of fundraising said: "It is really exciting to see so many registrations coming in. It is such a surreal sight to see so many people dressed in their Santa suits."

The entry fee is £12 for adults and £5 for children under 12. Those who take part get a free Santa suit and registration can be done online at [www.marystevenshospice.co.uk](http://www.marystevenshospice.co.uk) Entry forms can also be obtained from the fundraising office by calling 01384 377778.

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The company now employs more than 80 staff, also providing daily office cleaning, one-off cleans and specialist floor care and maintenance. The firm is used by some of the largest employers in the area, including Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council, Boss Design and Halesowen Motor House. Many businesses and private customers have used ServiceMaster for a number of years making it a well established part of the local business community.

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In February, ServiceMaster moved into new premises on the Thornleigh Trading Estate, where it has further expanded its services to include off site drying, restoration of flood damaged items and storage.

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Hugh says, "We were delighted with the response from our friends, customers, and suppliers. This underlines the company's ethos to 'Honour God in all we do'. And I feel we've achieved this through our anniversary event."

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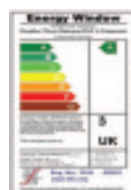
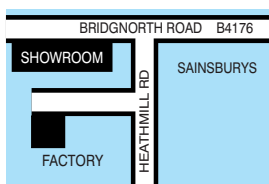
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# Highlights of town in revamp demonstration

Buildings in Dudley town centre have been lit up to show how the area could look if £6 million plans to revamp the historic market place go ahead.

Borough bosses are running a second consultation into the proposals asking people about paving, seating, public art and lighting.

An initial consultation was held in March and ran for six weeks. It featured three different market place options, as well as plans to relocate the Duncan Edwards statue and to bring the fountain back into use by introducing the lighting to highlight its special features.

After that, proposals were drafted up which extended the scheme, including additional parking, footpaths, improved controlled crossing points and cycle parking in Castle Street, as well as improvements to the steps and frontage of St Edmund's Church.

The redevelopment of the market place now includes

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Castle Street, up to and including the Earl of Dudley statue. Council chiefs brought in the firm Lite Philips to provide special LED units to light up the facades of four key buildings in the town centre including the castle as well as the Duncan Edwards statue and the historic fountain to show people what could be done as part of the revamp. The lighting effect at Dudley Castle can be viewed from now until Sunday, from 4pm to midnight each day. If the scheme goes ahead the colour choices would be unlimited meaning the lighting could be changed with the seasons or for specific events.

Councillor Angus Adams, said: "The lighting demonstration in Dudley town centre was spectacular and it truly made a difference to the appearance of the town."

"It was wonderful to see our historic features and buildings highlighted." The trial runs until Friday. People can take part in the consultation by picking up a leaflet from Dudley Council Plus or Dudley Library.



Dudley Castle looks stunning lit up at night



The illuminated Duncan Edwards statue in Dudley



Pointing to the future – from left, Richard Law from Lite Philips, Councillor Angus Adams and Rupert Dugdale, head of economic regeneration in Dudley

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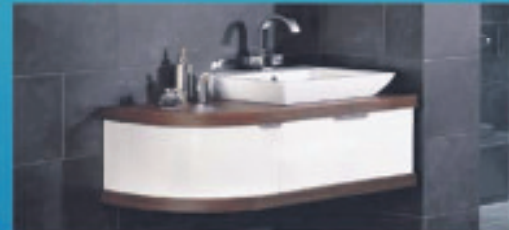


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# People power wins the battle on axed bus route

A Black Country village is celebrating victory in its campaign to get back a bus route to the nearest hospital – three years after it was axed.

The route from Wall Heath to Dudley, via Russells Hall Hospital, was reinstated by Centro, although it will run only at off-peak hours.

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The campaigners have appealed to villagers to make sure they now use the service well, so that it stays for good. The service is now back on the road to and from Wall Heath.

After it was scrapped as part of a restructuring by Centro in April 2008, people from Wall Heath had to catch two buses to get to the hospital or into Dudley town centre.

## Agreed

Former Dudley councillors Dave Tyler and Lynn Boleyn, and residents Kathryn Shuttleworth and Marlene Watson, launched a campaign to save the route at the time, but lost.

Now, however, Centro and National Express have agreed to extend the 205 service to Wall Heath.

Mr Tyler said: "While I am disappointed with the time it has taken, we

can all celebrate the limited service, and the message I would send to bus users is to use this bus as much as you can.

"Centro will be monitoring the usage and we need people to use this bus to ensure a continued service – and possibly get it extended to peak hours as well."

Mr Tyler added that, besides helping people get to the hospital, residents would also be able to continue on the bus to work or college in Dudley. Centro Black Country area manager Babs Coombes said: "We are delighted that, through working in partnership with National Express, the 205 bus service will be extended to serve Wall Heath off peak."

"It is vital that key services have good public transport links to ensure they are easily accessible," Simon Mathieson, Black Country area operations director at National Express said: "As a result of customer feedback we have extended the 205."

## Panto pair put in show



Linda Lusardi and husband Sam Kane meet Kubwa the giraffe at Dudley Zoo

At last – former glamour model and soap actress Linda Lusardi has met "someone taller than my husband".

Kubwa, the 15ft giraffe, dwarfed glamorous Snow White star Linda and her 6ft 4in actor husband, Sam Kane, when they met at Dudley Zoological Gardens.

"He's the first person I've ever met that's taller than my husband," joked Linda, who will be playing the Wicked Queen in pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from December 10 to January 22.

The "alpha male" Rothschild giraffe lapped up the attention of the couple as they fed him banana, carrots and cabbage. The zoo has sponsored the pantomime's dress rehearsal and has donated more than 1,000 tickets to groups who will see the show for free on December 9.

Linda, aged 53, and Sam, 43, are renting a house in Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, as they rehearse for the panto, in which he stars as the Prince and their son, Jack, aged 12, plays a "juvenile" in the chorus.

Their daughter Lucy, aged 15, is also with them.

"Appearing in panto together is great – it means we see each other," said Linda.

## Council to stump travellers

## £12,000 in goods is stolen

Stumps will be installed at two sites in Kidderminster to stop travellers from setting up illegal camps.

The plastic posts will be erected at each side of a car park in Heronswood Road, near to the Spennells Valley nature reserve, where a group set up camp for about a week in May.

Three bollards will also be installed by highways chiefs at an access road leading to a field at the end of Turnstone Road.

Local councillor John Aston had called for the move after May's incident.

Tracey Onslow of Wyre Forest District Council added: "It is imperative that council car parks are used appropriately for the benefit of all residents."

Up to £12,000 of property including flat screen TVs, Nintendo Wii Fit boards and docking stations have been stolen during a burglary in Kingswinford.

Police are appealing for anyone who spotted anything suspicious outside the property in Greenfield Road.

De Louise Davis said: "I am appealing for witnesses to come forward, saying: 'A large amount of high value property has been stolen.'"

The burglary happened on November 7 between the hours of 3.30pm and 8.20pm. Anyone with information can contact Dudley CID with information by dialling 101 or they can call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

## Christmas festival

St Mary's Kingswinford will host a Christmas festival, this weekend which will include an array of trees and stalls selling gifts.

Trees will be decorated to reflect different themes and there will also be a memorial tree which will include the names of loved ones.

Money raised at the event on December 3 and 4 will go to the church restoration appeal.

Deputy church warden Margaret Penn said: "Our first tree festival last year was a huge success. Hundreds visited and we raised over £800 for the restoration fund. We are trusting that this year's event will be even bigger and better." The church will be open from 10 am to 4 pm on December 3 and from 11.30am to 4pm on December 4.

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## College campaign steps up

A campaign to get a new University Technical College (UTC) built in Dudley has taken a leap forward after Education Secretary Michael Gove agreed to meet Dudley North MP Ian Austin to discuss the plans.

The issue was raised during the education questions session at the Commons.

Mr Austin has been campaigning to get a UTC in Dudley following the success of a £9.5 million project in

Walsall, which he visited on recently. He told the session: "Credit where credit is due. I have to say I thought it was fantastic."

"Will the Secretary of State meet me soon so we can discuss how we can open a UTC in Dudley and deal with the urgent need to drive up vocational standards and bring new jobs and new industry to the area?"

Mr Gove replied: "It will be a joy." Speaking after the Commons session, Mr Austin said his visit to the Walsall UTC had re-informed his

desire to see one in Dudley. "I'm delighted that Michael Gove has agreed to meet me to discuss the issue," he said.

"An area like ours which has lost jobs in traditional manufacturing but failed to attract new industries and new jobs needs to encourage young people to think about careers in engineering, advanced manufacturing and areas like research, development and design which is exactly what the UTCs are being established to do."

## Ballot date for hospital

Ballot papers were being sent out to more than 13,000 homes this week as part of forthcoming elections for governor positions at Russells Hall Hospital.

Members of The Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which runs the hospital, are being urged to vote for their local candidates in the forthcoming council of governor elections to help them play a key role in the trust's future.

The trust's staff members will also be asked to make their vote count in the constituencies of non clinical staff and allied health professional and healthcare scientists. Ballots close on December 13.

## Tattoo shop hit by theft

A tattoo shop was stripped of equipment in a burglary in Stourbridge. Pc Jon Kirk, of Stourbridge police, said the raid on November 11 was at One Shot Charlie's in Lower High Street.

A box of specialist tools and equipment, worth about £300, was stolen, along with a massage bed. Anyone with information is asked to call police on 0345 113 5000.

## Clothes plea to help homeless



Victor Fletcher from Cradley Heath appealing for unwanted coats this winter

The Salvation Army base in Cradley Heath is appealing for anyone with old coats to donate them to help the homeless this winter.

The Meredith Street centre has been chosen as a collection point for national campaign Donate a Coat, after the organisation and ITV's Daybreak programme teamed up to collect and distribute coats until Friday this week to help those in need.

Volunteer Victor Fletcher said: "The Sal-

vation Army is recognised world-wide and working with Daybreak and its 800,000 viewers, we will be looking after the elderly, the homeless and children living below the poverty line."

The Cradley Heath centre is one of 200 across the country chosen to help in the effort to spread a little warmth this winter.

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# Historic clock may be put in at surgery

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A commemorative clock could be rehoused in a GP surgery set to be built on the site of a Stourbridge foundry.

The timepiece faces an uncertain future when it is removed from the Crown Centre next year due to redevelopment work.

Dudley Council is now looking for an alternative location in the town for the clock and said no firm decision had been made.

But the cabinet member for regeneration Councillor Angus Adams said one idea was to place it at the former Foster and Rastrick Foundry site. Approval has been granted for the Grade-II listed site, in Lowndes Road, to become a 30,000sq ft medical complex but work has not yet started.

Councillor Adams said it would be an appropriate site for the clock as the timepiece features a model of the Stourbridge Lion locomotive.

The engine was built at the foundry in 1828 and became the first train to operate in the United States.

## Decision

Councillor Adams stressed no final plans had been made and added other locations were still being looked at for the clock. Bosses from Tesco, which is building a new supermarket in the Crown Centre, have agreed to move the clock and re-site it once a decision has been made.

The clock was installed in the Crown Centre in 2005 as a celebration of the town's glassmaking and manufacturing heritage.

Councillor Adams said: "A final location for the clock has still to be decided at the moment but there has been some interest in re-housing it at the GP surgery. This is a very important part of Stourbridge's heritage and we want to ensure the right place is found for it in the town."

"Placing it at the foundry site would seem to be appropriate but we will have to wait and see what happens."

The mechanical clock has a rotating feature which swings into action on the hour.

## Yes to flats at old pub

Proposals to create two flats within a boarded-up pub in Netherton have been approved by Dudley Council's development control committee. The first floor of the former Golden Cross, on the corner of Cradley Road and Saltwells Road, would be converted. No objections were received by the council.

## Creating festive cards



Back row, Andrea Pope-Smith, director of adult services, and Councillor Adrian Turner with Carole Plant, left, and Margaret Showell

TWO creative adult learners have beaten off 40 entrants to see their Christmas card designs in print. Carole Plant and Margaret Showell were crowned the winners of the competition set up for learners who have taken part in courses across Dudley borough.

Their art work will be made into a limited number of cards that will be sent out by the directorate of adult, community and housing services. Carole currently studies pastel art at Pensnett neighbourhood learning centre while Margaret Showell studies acrylic art at Leasowes Community College.

Councillor Adrian Turner, cabinet member for housing, libraries and adult learning, said: "We had some fantastic entries for the competition but the two winners caught the eye of the judges and I'm delighted with the finished cards. I would like to thank all the learners for taking part and look forward to seeing more of their work in the future."

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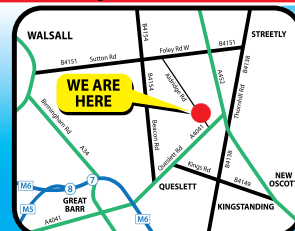
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# People are furious at plans to shut stations

This week I will hand in a petition with more than 2,000 signatures from people in Dudley furious at plans to close the police station in New Street between 6pm and 10am.

I think the police in Dudley do a very good job and the reaction since we launched the petition, less than a fortnight ago, has confirmed what a hugely important issue this is for people in the borough.

The message from residents is clear – we need a police station that's local, accessible and open in the evening.

If the plans go ahead the nearest police station for most people in the north of Dudley would be Brierley Hill – a journey of more than four miles for some – which could damage the local links essential for effective policing.

New Street will not be the only station to be closed should these plans be approved. Stourbridge, Halesowen and several stations in Walsall and Birmingham will also be shut for at least 12 hours a day. The real reason this is happening is because a massive £127 million is being cut from the West Midlands police budget this year.

**The Tories have serious questions to answer about their record on law and order. They should be focusing on cutting crime, not the police.**

Even people who trusted David Cameron and voted Conservative did not expect 16,000 police would be sacked; officers with 30 years' experience forced to retire or the closure of stations such as Dudley. The Tories have serious questions to answer about their record on law and order. They should be focusing on cutting crime, not the police.

Bars, cafes and clothes shops on the high street have been asking customers to sign. Councillor Shaikat Ali has spent the last two weekends collecting signatures in Kates Hill and I've been out and about on the high street with a team of local volunteers.

With more than 2,000 people voicing their opposition,



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people in Dudley have sent a clear message – these proposals are unnecessary, unwanted and should be dropped. I will take this message to the police authority meeting on Thursday.

## Bleak unemployment figures

The latest round of unemployment figures show how desperately we need a plan for jobs and growth.

In Dudley unemployment has doubled since January. Nationally the figure has never been higher. There are 1.02 million young people on the dole and the Government looks desperately short of answers.

Not only is their economic policy failing young people, it's failing their own economic tests. Borrowing is set to be £46 billion higher than planned. That's because they've choked off the recovery and put tens of thousands of people on the dole, claiming benefits rather than paying taxes.

They should never have scrapped the future jobs fund – that scheme created 100,000 jobs for young people.

We need urgent action in the Chancellor's autumn statement to get Britain back to work now and to build a better economy for the future.

Labour has set out a clear five-point plan to create jobs, help struggling families and support small businesses. This jobs plan includes tax breaks for small businesses taking on extra workers, a temporary VAT cut which would give families a boost of around £450 and a tax on bank bonuses to fund 100,000 jobs for the young.

## College's new building takes shape

Anyone who's driven past Dudley College in the last couple of weeks can't fail to have noticed the rapid progress being made on the college's new town centre campuses.

I went to meet up with the college principal Lowell Williams to have a look around.

The plans look superb and the two new buildings – Dudley Evolve on The Broadway and Dudley Sixth on Ednam Road – will transform the town centre. It's about more than just the buildings. The new campuses will be equipped with the latest facilities and will help raise aspirations. This is exactly what I mean when I say education and skills has to be Dudley's number one priority.

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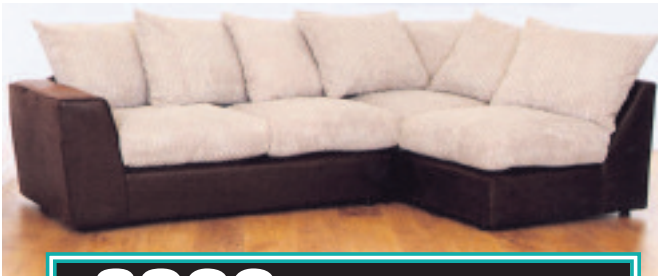
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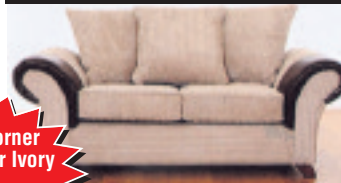
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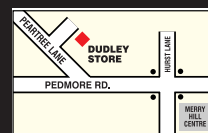


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# Theatre in the heart of town now taking shape

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### Coffee shop welcome



Celebrating the opening of the coffee shop at the hospice's premises are relief manager Matt Wall, manager Hilary Bullock, and staff member Abi Worsey

A Black Country charity's book store is offering customers a warm welcome at a new coffee shop. The shop has been fitted out upstairs at Mary Stevens Hospice's premises in Stourbridge High Street.

The charity took over the premises in 2010 and opened the first phase, a shop selling quality clothes, bric-a-brac and furniture, on the ground floor in September.

Part of the upstairs was later transformed into the Book Stop which opened in August this year. Hilary Bullock, who runs the coffee shop, said: "Everybody has been amazed by the way the shop has been transformed and they have loved the coffee and cakes."

She added it was "fantastic" to see the shop completed after months of planning. Brierley Hill businessman Mike Brown of Dreamland Bedding has donated more than £30,000 in total towards the costs of the project.

The hospice, based in Hagley Road, needs around £2 million a year to fund care for patients suffering long-term illnesses.

### Polar bear at festive fun day

A life-like polar bear will be among the attractions at a festive day in Stourbridge on December 3. The Ryemarket shopping centre, off Market Street, will host Christmas entertainment including a choir. Centre bosses say the biggest attraction is expected to be Bjorn the polar bear, which growls, roars and moves like the real thing. Shows with the polar bear at 11am, 1.30pm and 3pm.

A new 180 seat theatre complex is taking shape in the heart of Dudley and is set to open next year.

It is part of the £18 million vocational learning centre development called Dudley Evolve being erected for Dudley College in Tower Street.

As well as catering for students it will be a commercial theatre in the evenings and weekends. The steel skeleton of the building is now visible from the road and over the next few months, passers-by will be able to observe the theatre develop from a building site to a fully-functioning theatre and stage school.

Prospective and existing students studying performing arts at the college will access the new facilities from September 2012.

The college's full range of music, dance, drama, musical theatre, production and performing arts will be taught there.

However, it is also hoped it will stage shows, pantomimes and concerts in the town centre.

Sarah Browne, the college's manager for the curriculum area, has been instrumental in the design and specification

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of the new theatre. "We wanted to gain maximum use of the Evolve Theatre," she said. "And we recognised that to attract touring shows we needed a professional venue."

Dudley Evolve forms part of a £30million university-style campus scheme planned in the town centre.



An artist's impression of how the theatre should look

More than 1,000 objections have been lodged over plans for a gipsy and traveller site near a Midland village. Residents of Cookley near Kidderminster say the level of opposition shows the strength of feeling.

Wyre Forest District Council says it needs to identify 43 more pitches for gipsies and travellers by 2022 as well as a site for travelling show people.

Seven potential sites in the district are being considered in a public consultation process launched last month. People living in Cookley want to make council officials think again about plans for a site at the former Lea Castle Hospital.

In total, 520 response forms objecting to the proposal have been presented along with a 416-strong petition and 405 typed names from an organisation which hires Lea Castle for paintball leisure activities.

Cookley action group spokeswoman Gill Hill said the use of the Lea Castle site would deprive the village of valuable employment land. "When Lea Castle Hospital was open it provided employment for up to 5,000 people," she said.

"That loss of employment opportunities needs to be replenished by the development of the site for both residential and commercial uses. Cookley is an unemployment blackspot."

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## This musical is a real dream

Dreamboats and Petticoats, Grand Theatre

MOST of them weren't born when the music was released but this young troupe really came of age in this magical musical.

Dreamboats and Petticoats delighted Wolverhampton's packed Grand Theatre as the audience joined in with all their favourite hits, swept along by the chance to relive the golden 60s musical era.

The stage was fairly basic but that was all that was needed, the story was told through the songs and they came thick and fast. Featuring hits

from the era of Roy Orbison, The Shadows, Eddie Cochran, Billy Fury, Chuck Berry and many more, Dreamboats and Petticoats takes you back to an age when rock 'n' roll ruled.

Featuring songs such as To Know Him Is To Love Him, Little Town Flirt and Happy Birthday Sweet 16 it told the story of how in 1961 emotions ran high as talented young musicians Norman and Bobby competed to win the hearts of their adoring female fans, and more importantly Laura. But when Laura shows her musical

talent, fame beckons. David Ribi as the geeky Bobby – who was almost Frank Spencer-like in his mannerisms – and Samantha Dorrance as Laura were superb, in fact the whole cast gave 100 per cent.

Inspired by the smash hit multi-million selling albums, Dreamboats and Petticoats 1 to 4, the West End sell-out sensation Dreamboats and Petticoats is back at the Grand by popular demand and runs until Saturday December 3.

SUE ATTWATER

The Nutcracker, Birmingham Hippodrome

IF you are always a little bit bah humbug in the lead up to the festive season there is an ideal way to put yourself in the Christmas spirit – a trip to see The Nutcracker.

This ballet is always a favourite at this time of year and you can see why. The huge Christmas tree which covers nearly half the stage spreads cheer and the dancing is simply a gift!

Sir Peter Wright's The Nutcracker performed by the Birmingham Royal Ballet is at the city's Hippodrome theatre until Sunday, December 11 and really is a must see. Sir Peter himself was there on the opening night celebrating his 85th birthday and he was certainly in for a treat.

It is easy to let yourself get swept up in the excitement of Christmas with this Tchaikovsky classic.

For young girl Clara at Christmas all her dreams come true? After sneaking downstairs at midnight to play with her new Nutcracker doll, she is swept up in a fantasy of toy soldiers, giant rats, snow fairies, magic and mystery.

After saving her Nutcracker doll from the King of the Rats, she is 'flown' into an enchanted land meeting a host of strange and exotic characters, before she is finally transformed into a beautiful ballerina and dances with The Prince. The night passes in a blur and she wakes up on Christmas morning, at the foot of the Christmas tree.

The first half combines drama with dance but the second half is solely a showcase of the wonderful dancing with brilliant performances in particular by Nao Sakuma as the Sugar Plum Fairy, Jamie Bond as The Prince, Robert Parker as Drosselmeyer, the magician and Carol Anne Miller as Clara with enchanting performance from the 'toys' as they perform for Clara.

The scenery is very convincing and the effects quite enchanting. Book yourself an early gift with a ticket for this production.

SUE ATTWATER

The Staves, Glee Club (Studio), Birmingham

Not since the Corrs has there been a talented family that could take the folk scene by storm but there is now.

They are three sisters Emily – vocals, Camilla – vocals and ukulele and Jessica Slaveley – vocals and guitar, collectively and appropriately called The Staves.

Although the trio have already played Glastonbury, they are still very much an up-and-coming band but they have the stage presence and ability to be big.

The sisters' harmonising is a sheer delight and their crystal clear tones, notwithstanding a piece of lodged crisp annoying Emily, lift you to another place.

As you would expect their repertoire is limited at the moment, with their first album yet to be put together, so you have to be content with a couple of EPs but what they have got is perfect in its execution and wonderfully enjoyable. The sisters sing together like they can communicate telepathically, demonstrated with precision on Fire, a ballad which builds up slowly to eventually catch you unawares and before you know it has you tapping your feet.

With Camilla showing her ukulele skills on Facing West and then switching to Jes leading on the guitar on I Try they perform more like a seasoned band than one who which is as yet unsigned.

They kept the appreciative audi-



The Staves' harmonising is a sheer delight

ence at the Glee wanting more with the title track of their EP Mexico, Icarus and Gone Tomorrow, among others coming back for the encore and playing, what could well become their signature tune, Silver Dagger. The Staves are definitely one to watch.

Also, certainly worthy of mention was support act Katie Rose Bennett whose jaunty, thoughtful and clever lyrics were a delight to the senses.

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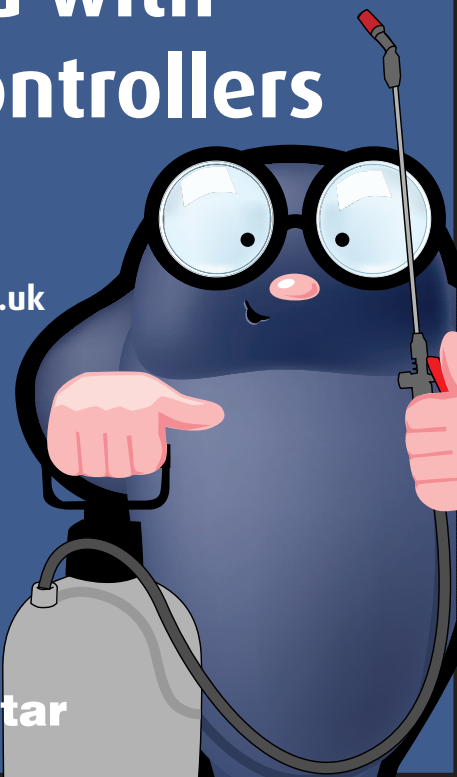


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Marek Paul and Ian White, from Whites Raised Beds, who are doing well, despite the economic climate

## Firm bedded in with grow-your-own fans

A boom in the grow-your-own vegetables culture spells sweet success for an Amblecote company.

R J White & Son Ltd, which has for the past 20 or so years supplied railway sleepers, now manufactures raised beds for the garden. With a patented design, the beds are proving a big hit at country shows up and down the country and with gardeners.

Marek Paul from Whites Raised Beds in King William Street, said: "The beds are good for the environment but they are also a quality product. We use untreated timber which is long lasting. As it ages it turns an elegant silver grey which, over time will blend into any landscape."

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Several years ago, Ian White, whose father Robert founded R J White & Son Ltd, decided to invent and manufacture a unique product.

He produced the prototype for the raised bed out of railway sleepers and demand has grown since.

"Our passion for design and function led us to develop our raised bed product," Marek said.

"After building numerous prototypes we arrived at our patented system which has, we don't think, no equal in the horticultural industry."

"We are not at the cheap end of the market but the beds will last many years. Our customer base is people who are really serious about growing."

Marek said the beds were ideal for people who didn't have their own gardens and could keep the beds in communal green areas.

"It's a very efficient way of growing things," Marek added. "The beds stay warm as they are raised and the frost gets to them later."

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## Views are sought on plans for market

More than 200 people have had their say on new £6million plans to revamp Dudley's historic market place.

Since a second public consultation began, Dudley Council has been inundated with people sharing their views on the scheme.

The plans have received a mixed response from people in town, with some welcoming the more modern designs for the market stalls while others have said they believe the revamp is not needed.

The consultation asks shoppers and traders about paving, seating, public art and lighting.

An initial consultation was held in March and ran for six weeks.

It featured three different market place options, as well as plans to relocate the Duncan Edwards statue and to bring the fountain back into use by

dudleychrons@expressandstar.co.uk introducing lighting to highlight its special features.

After that, new proposals were drafted up which extended the scheme, including additional parking, new footpaths, improved controlled crossing points and new cycle parking in Castle Street, as well as improvements to the steps and frontage of St Edmunds Church.

### Responses

The redevelopment of the market place now includes Castle Street, up to and including the Earl of Dudley statue.

Council spokeswoman Claire Marshall said: "The consultation is in its fourth week and so far we've had 203 responses."

An information stand was put up in

the market place last week giving people the chance to find out more about the project.

Public art will feature in the overall scheme and shoppers and traders were able to view examples of the work.

A lighting display last week showed people examples of special features being lit up in Dudley town centre.

Questionnaires can be completed on the council's website before Saturday.

Councillor Angus Adams, cabinet member for economic regeneration, said: "The market place consultation looks at ways in which we can sympathetically restore and highlight the fantastic features of Dudley's historic town centre."

More than 600 people took part in the first consultation earlier this year.

## Toms need a home



Stumpy and Fang, left at Connaught Veterinary Surgery

A HOME is needed for two cats left abandoned at a vets in Kingswinford. Earlier this month the two neutered toms, nicknamed Stumpy and Fang by staff, were dumped on the doorstep of Connaught Veterinary Surgery on Broad Street.

Jacqui Wilde, a nurse at the surgery, said: "Both appear healthy and well looked after, very affectionate and enjoy each other's company." Ideally prospective owners would have a quiet home with no small children as the cats are quite nervous. Anyone who could offer the cats a home should call the surgery on 01384 295949.

## Stolen pups are returned

A FAMILY left distraught at the loss of their two-year-old dog and her puppies are greatly relieved after most of them were returned to their Upper Gornal home.

Brindle Whippet Tia and her litter of nine puppies were stolen from a secure pen in the garden of their home in Vale Street on November 14.

Following a regional appeal the family received a call from Sunnyside Kennels on November 25 to say Tia and eight of the pups had been handed in.

Jeanette Manley, whose son Elliot owns the litter, said: "It is so good to have them back, they are all very happy to be home as we are to finally have them with us again."

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"We have been so concerned about them and they're very skinny but to know they are safe and well is wonderful and we are taking extra care to get them settled and fighting fit again."

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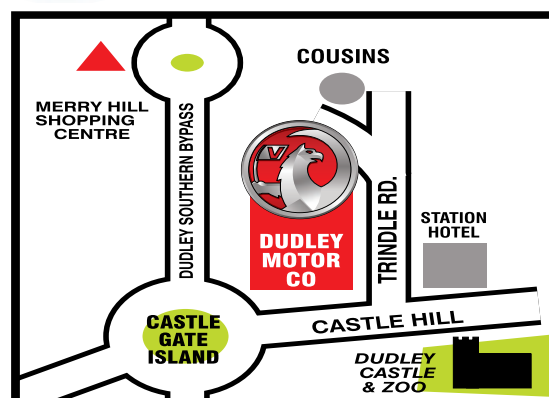
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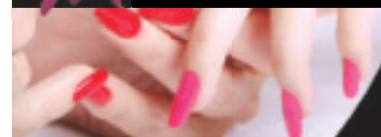
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## Cracking contraptions and marvellous manuals

**H**AYNES workshop manuals have long been a mainstay of an amateur car mechanic's garage or workshop but in recent year the respected imprint has diversified into other areas, including out-and-out fantasy engineering. Here's a round-up of several new Haynes titles, for vehicles both real and imagined.

Green's work on the MG, first published in 1998, has been updated by motoring journalist Andrew Roberts.

### Routemaster Bus: 1954 onwards (all marks) (£21.99)

This enthusiast's manual celebrates the classic red double-decker that became an icon of London and served the capital for more than half a century. The much-detested bendy buses certainly never replaced the Routemaster in the hearts of Londoners and some might say Britain has never been quite the same since they were finally retired from service in 2005.

Co-founder of the Routemaster Association Andrew Morgan must have considered putting this book together a labour of love, he even owns a rare single-decker Routemaster.

### Wallace & Gromit: Cracking Contraptions Manual 2 (£12.99)

From the Bun Vac 6000 to the Mind Manipulation-o-matic via the LAD (Labour Assisting Device), another selection of barmy creations from the wonderful world of Wallace and Gromit are brought to life with detailed technical descriptions. A collaboration between Haynes and Aardman animation.

### MG: Britain's Favourite Sports Car (£25)

The third edition in the Haynes Classic Makes Series pays homage to the pride of Longbridge. Handsomely illustrated and rich in detail, enthusiast Malcolm



### Millennium Falcon: Modified YT-1300 Corellian Freighter (£14.99)

With the exception of the USS Enterprise (which has also had the Haynes treatment), there can be no space ship more famous in the annals of science fiction than Han Solo and Chewbacca's craft from the Star Wars movies.

The souped-up freighter is explored in meticulous detail in this manual approved by Lucasfilm and created by a team of Star Wars devotees.

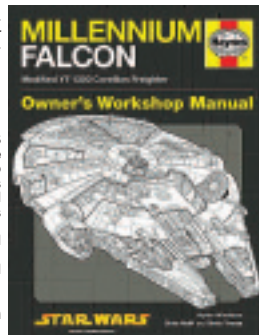
### Driving Games: From Gran Trak 10 to Gran Turismo (£9.99)

It is fitting that an imprint so associated with the mechanics of the motor car has seen fit to cast its expert eye over the evolution of the driving genre in video games.

Fifty of the best releases are selected, from arcade and home



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console releases, ranging from the very basic Chequered Flag for the ZX Spectrum in 1983 to Forza Motorsport 2 for the Xbox 360.

But don't expect it to be bang up to date, this was put together in 2008.

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BBC News.

2:30 Snooker: UK Championships Extra. Hazel Irvine presents extended highlights from today's matches. 2:40 Close.

**1992 The Cuckoo.** A student and a Georgia mother take part. (R)

**22.40** Film: *Waltz with Bashir*. (2008) Premiere. Animated documentary, directed by Ari

**11.22** **Isle of Hollywood.**

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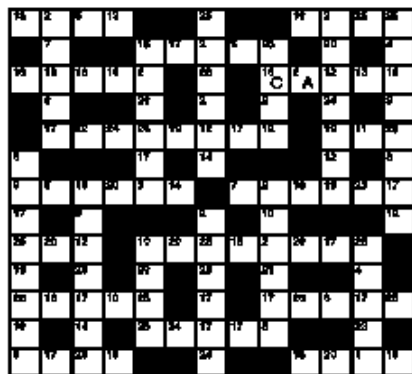


## Brain Gym

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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

6. I am going around in torn clothing (7)
7. A fire preparation, not long lasting (5)
9. Manoeuvred into a sort of villa (5)
10. As he got confused, he was captured (7)
12. Not plain stupid, apparently (6,5)
14. What an accusation of body snatching could be? (5,6)
18. A dear old thing, perhaps (7)
19. A rule some of us are ignoring (5)
21. This age is very far from first class (5)
22. Songs on the head (7)

## Down

1. The ghost of William Shakespeare, some say (5)
2. Horn with tony music (6)
3. Finish within ten days (3)
4. Not always bet (3,3)
5. They hold records in books (7)
8. A struggle to maintain faith (4,3)
11. Still may be so connected (5,2)
13. Stone from Tangle (7)
15. Such a threat is hardly balanced (5)
16. They are carefully prepared for putting on (5)
17. Bird that returns in winter generally (5)
20. Naturally it looks refinement (3)

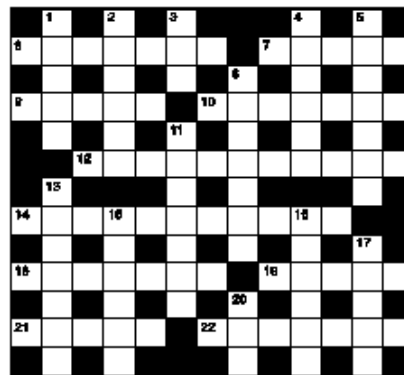
## Quick Clues:

## Across

6. Get too (7)
7. Show (5)
9. Lutescent (5)
10. Intake (7)
12. Vengeance (11)
14. Result (11)
18. Let (7)
19. Intake (5)
21. Thin soup (5)
22. Opposite (7)

## Down

1. Allude (5)
2. Exit (3)
3. Donkey (3)
4. Amount produced (5)
5. Goodnight (7)
8. Show me (7)
11. Lawn game (7)
13. Described (7)
15. Dances (5)
16. Arrive (5)
17. Lift (5)
20. Mow (3)



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC: Across 1. Logician, 7. Tanya, 9. Airways, 10. Squared, 11. Lax, 13. Sides, 15. Sassy, 17. Area, 18. Judds, 21. Bird, 22. Oat, 25. Lovers, 26. One, 1. Lax, 2. Sides, 3. Sides, 4. Area, 5. Airways, 6. Sides, 7. Sides, 8. Sides, 9. Sides, 10. Sides, 11. Sides, 12. Sides, 13. Sides, 14. Sides, 15. Sides, 16. Sides, 17. Sides, 18. Sides, 19. Sides, 20. Sides, 21. Sides, 22. Sides, 23. Sides, 24. Sides, 25. Sides, 26. Sides.  
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## Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS:  
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## Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:  
The three words are: SERANT, TONY, and BAT. The letter represented by the question mark is 'A'.

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•Two Bedroom Townhouse Lounge Fitted Kitchen Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Driveway No Chain  
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BRIERLEY HILL £94,950



**PENSNETT ROAD**  
•Semi Detached Residence Three Bedrooms Lounge Fitted Kitchen Diner Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Garage To Rear No Chain  
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DUDLEY £102,000



**BEECH GREEN**  
•Three Bedroom Semi Detached Two Reception Rooms Fitted Kitchen Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Corner Plot Location Front and Rear Garden Driveway  
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**SLEDMORE ROAD**  
•Extended Bay Fronted Semi Detached Three Bedrooms Two Reception Rooms Extended Ground Floor Wc Room Extended Fitted Kitchen Bathroom Upstairs Gas Central Heating System Double Glazing Where Stated Block  
DUDLEY 01384 455000

DUDLEY £170,000



**LIMEPIT LANE**  
•Three Bedroom Detached Lounge Fitted Kitchen Ensuite Bathroom Bed 4 Dressing Room Leads from Bed 1 House Bathroom Gas Central Heating System Double Glazed Where Stated Rear Garden Driveway  
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PUBLIC NOTICE £94,950



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**FIELD ROAD**  
•Two Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Fitted Kitchen Family Bathroom Gas Central Heating System Double Glazed Where Stated Front and Rear Garden No Chain  
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**CASTLE MILL LANE**  
•A Three Bedroom Semi Detached Lounge Kitchen/Diner Ground Floor Wc Room Upstairs Bathroom Gas Central Heating System Rear Garden No Upward Chain  
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TIPTON £395 PCM



**WYNN GRIFFITHS DRIVE**  
•One Bedroom Mews House Fitted Kitchen Lounge New Carpet Double Glazing Central Heating Bathroom  
DUDLEY 01384 455000

DUDLEY £550 PCM



**HILLTOP ROAD**  
•Semi Detached Residence Three Bedrooms Two Reception Rooms Gas Central Heating Double Glazing Where Stated  
DUDLEY 01384 455000

TIVIDALE £395 PCM



**ALEXANDRA WAY**  
•Modern One Bedroom Flat Lounge Kitchen Bathroom Storage Heaters Permitted Parking  
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**ANCHOR DRIVE**  
Modern Two Bedroom Upper Floor Apartment, Having Open Plan Lounge Leading into Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms And A Bathroom. Outside Allocated Parking  
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This double-fronted property is located in New Street, Kingswinford. It maintains many original features

## A traditional home selling for £149,950

With a price tag of £149,950, this double-fronted traditional two-bedroom end terrace benefits from double glazing and gas central heating with thermostats to all radiators.

The property in New Street, Kingswinford, has been improved and tastefully decorated throughout and briefly comprises a dining room (through room), with wood-burner-style gas fire recessed into the chimney breast.

There is a door to the lounge – 11ft 10 in by 10ft 11 in – with traditional style fireplace with tiled hearth, wooden Adam style surround, iron back plate with decorative tile inserts and inset living flame effect gas fire.

A door leads to the cellar, with open access into the kitchen which is fitted with a range of white panelled base

and wall mounted units with complementary roll edge work surfaces, inset single drainer stainless steel sink with mixer tap, space and plumbing for automatic washing machine, space for gas cooker and further appliance space.

On the same floor is the bathroom, fitted with a white suite of panelled bath with shower attachment over, pedestal wash hand basin and archway to toilet with low-level flush WC.

On the first floor bedroom one has an en suite cloakroom with whitest suite of low-level WC, and there is a second bedroom.

Outside the rear garden has brick pavers to a side gate and slabbed pathway of to a paved patio area, with an adjacent lawn with mature pear tree, garden shed and gravelled area, with gated access to a rear drive accessed of Barnett Lane providing of

road parking for one car. Call 01384 288188 for details.



Features include a woodburner-style gas fire recessed into the chimney

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**OAKHAM DINGLE CLOSE**

A delightfully presented Traditional 3 Bed Semi-Detached property situated just into this sought after address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation to include: Porch, Hall, spacious Lounge with sep. Dining Area, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, superb refitted Bathroom with sep. shower, 20' Tandem side Garage, pleasant southerly facing rear Gardens and driveway to front.

**Offers around £149,950**

**NETHERTON MARLOW CLOSE**

Pleasantly situated just into this popular cul-de-sac off Bowling Green Road, this Modern Semi-Detached provides spacious gas centrally heated accom which although requires modernisation and improvement provides tremendous further potential. NO UPWARD CHAIN. Porch, Hall, Spacious Lounge, Dining Kitchen with Built in Oven and Hob, Utility, 2 Good Bedrooms (originally 3 and easily re-converted), Bathroom, Side Garage, Driveway and Rear Gardens with southerly facing aspect.

**Offers around £99,950**

**BRIERLEY HILL CRESCENT AVENUE**

Pleasantly and conveniently situated just into this mature and respected address, this superbly kept and much improved Traditional 3 bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double-glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family. Briefly comprises: Hall, spacious Lounge, separate Dining Room, superb refitted Kitchen, 3 excellent Bedrooms, attractive refitted Bathroom with Shower, pleasant mature rear gardens and driveway for 2 cars to the front.

**Offers around £139,950**

**HOLLY HALL PENSNETT ROAD**

This superbly presented, stylishly refurbished Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the discerning young family and is very conveniently positioned close to Russells Hall Hospital. Viewing highly recommended with Reception Hall, attractive Lounge, superb refitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and integrated fridge and freezer, 3 excellent Bedrooms, sumptuous reappointed Bathroom with shower, pleasant good sized rear Gardens with pleasant outlook and driveway for two cars to the front.

**Offers around £124,950**

**PENSNETT TILED HOUSE LANE**

A well presented, improved and extended Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence, conveniently positioned in this popular address and providing spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed family accommodation to include: Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Spacious Kitchen extension, Downstairs Shower Room, 3 Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Side Garage, pleasant mature landscaped Rear Gardens and side Driveway for 2/3 cars.

**Offers around £119,995**

**PENSNETT CHELMAR DRIVE**

This stylishly improved, extended 2 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides refreshingly spacious gas centrally heated (warm all and mostly Upvc double glazed accommodation which should be of particular interest to the young family or those with disabled relatives as there is a Downstairs Wet-Shower room with W.C. Briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge with Separate Dining Area, Attractively Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs Wet-Shower Room with W.C., 2 Double Bedrooms, Stylish Bathroom, Separate W.C., Side Garage, Pleasant Landscaped Rear Gardens and Long Landscaped Front Garden with Driveway for 3/4 cars.

**Offers around £112,950**

**BRIERLEY HILL STOURBRIDGE ROAD**

This attractive, Extended Traditional 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc Double glazed family accommodation pleasantly situated in this ever popular and convenient address and briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Separate Dining Room, Superb refitted Extended Kitchen with built-in oven and hob and appliances, Study, 3 good Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Superb Large landscaped Rear Gardens with impressive views and Block Paved Driveway for 2/3 cars to front.

**Offers around £112,000**

**BRIERLEY HILL WALDRON AVENUE**

This very nicely presented much improved 3 bed Semi-Detached residence provides spacious gas centrally heated and Upvc double glazed accommodation ideal for the young family and is pleasantly situated with good sized rear gardens in this popular and convenient address. Briefly comprises: Hall, Spacious Lounge, Attractive re-fitted Dining Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, 3 good Bedrooms, Attractive Bathroom with Shower, Pleasant large mature rear Gardens with private outlook and Garage with part shared side Driveway.

**Offers around £99,950**

**PENSNETT BROMLEY**

Situated in this popular and convenient address, this Three Bedroomed End Townhouse provides spacious gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed accommodation ideal for the first time buyer or young family. The accommodation briefly comprises: Reception Hall, Downstairs W.C., Lounge, Large Fitted Dining Kitchen, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Attractive Rear Gardens and Driveway for 2 cars to the front.

**Offers around £96,950**

**BRIERLEY HILL WALLOWS ROAD**

Providing Spacious Gas Centrally Heated and UPVC Double Glazed accommodation ideal for the First Time Buyer or Young Family, this well presented 3 Bedroomed Semi-Detached residence is pleasantly and conveniently situated with good sized rear gardens in this popular address and briefly comprises: Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Downstairs W.C., 3 Good Bedrooms, Bathroom with shower, Pleasant Large landscaped Rear Gardens and block paved Driveway for 2 Cars to the front.

**Offers around £89,950**

**BRIERLEY HILL FENTON STREET**

Modern 3 Bedroom Semi Detached close to Town Centre\* Part Gas Central Heating and UPVC Double Glazed\* Downstairs W.C., Spacious Lounge, Large Dining/Kitchen, 3 good Bedrooms, Bathroom, Side Garage, Driveway and Rear Gardens. No Pets/DSS/Smokers. Deposit £700.00

**£525 PCM EX**

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A Spacious Modern 2 Bedroomed First Floor Apartment\* Conveniently Situated for Town Centre\* Gas Central Heating and double glazing\* Splendid views towards Client Hills\* Hall, Lounge, fitted Kitchen with built-in oven and hob, large Bathroom with separate Shower cubicle\* Parking Space\* Available immediately, No Pets/DSS/Smokers. Deposit £600\*

**£450 PCM EX**

**BRIERLEY HILL THE BREEZE**

Superb Modern 2 Bedroom 2nd Floor Apartment\* Electric Heating and UPVC Double Glazing\* Very Convenient for Town Centre\* Secure Entrance, Hall, Spacious Lounge, Superb Kitchen with built in Oven and Hob, 2 Good Bedrooms, Stylish Bathroom, Allocated Car Park Space and Maintained Grounds. No Pets/DSS/Smokers/Children. Deposit £750.00 Available immediately

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**BRIERLEY HILL FOXDALE DRIVE**

A Delightful Modern One Bedroomed House\* uPVC Double Glazing\* Tucked Away Position on ever popular development\* Lounge, Kitchen, Double bedroom and Bathroom with shower, Car Parking\* No Smokers/Pets/Children/DSS\* Deposit £600\* Available immediately

**£400 PCM EX**

**PENSNETT HIGH OAK**

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**BLAKEDOWN  
51 BELBROUGHTON ROAD** **£1,150 pcm**

Attractive detached house ■ three reception rooms, breakfast kitchen, cellar, g/wc ■ four bedrooms, two en-suites, main bathroom with separate shower cubicle ■ rear garden with patio area, garage, off road parking, c/h, d/g.



**WORDSLEY  
6 SANDHURST GROVE** **£695 pcm**

Modern detached bungalow in a cul de sac position ■ lounge, breakfast kitchen ■ two bedrooms bathroom with shower ■ garage, rear garden with patio area, off road parking for two cars, c/h, d/g, furnished



**STOURBRIDGE  
183 PENFIELDS ROAD** **£565 pcm**

Mid town house close to all amenities ■ lounge, breakfast kitchen with freestanding appliances ■ three bedrooms, bathroom with shower, rear garden with patio area ■ alarmed, c/h, part furnished



**HAGLEY  
6 STUARTS COURT** **£550 pcm**

First floor apartment within a popular development ■ entrance hall, Living room, breakfast kitchen ■ two bedrooms, bathroom with shower ■ allocated parking, c/h, d/g, alarmed.



**OLDSWINFORD  
1 WESTHILL LODGE** **£550 pcm**

A unique ground floor apartment in the older section of the Victorian building ■ lounge, kitchen with integrated appliances ■ double bedroom, bathroom ■ allocated parking, communal gardens, d/g, electric heating, furnished.



**STOURBRIDGE  
16 TREFOIL GARDENS** **£540 pcm**

Ground floor apartment within a popular development close to Stourbridge Town ■ hall, lounge, kitchen with modern fitted units ■ two bedrooms, bathroom ■ gated entrance and parking area, d/g.



**DUDLEY  
10 STEPPINGSTONE STREET** **£525 pcm**

Semi-detached house close to Dudley Town centre ■ lounge with dining area, kitchen with integrated appliances ■ three bedrooms, bathroom with shower ■ front and rear garden, off road parking, c/h, d/g.



**WORDSLEY  
30 SURREY DRIVE** **£495 pcm**

Modern mews town house ■ lounge with coal effect marble style fireplace ■ dining room and fitted kitchen ■ two bedrooms, house bathroom inc. shower ■ communal gardens, two parking spaces, c/h, part d/g



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Lot 1:	1156 Pershore Road, Stirlingshire.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 40: 54 Camdole Avenue, Great Barr.....Residential Vacant	Lot 83: Bailey's, 24 Coronation Road, Pelsall, Walsall.....Commercial Vacant/ Development Opportunity
Lot 2:	60 Holyhead Road, Handsworth.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 41: 26 Chudleigh Road, Erdington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 84: 24 Furlong Lane, Halesowen.....Residential Vacant
Lot 3:	Former Children's Day Nursery, 106 Sampson Road, Sparkbrook.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 42: 9 Regent Street, Birmingham.....Development Opportunity	Lot 85: 15 Alexandra Road, Tipton.....Residential Vacant
Lot 4:	889 Chester Road, Erdington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 43: The Free Trade Inn, Wood Lane, Pelsall, Walsall.....Development Opportunity	Lot 86: 49 Church Vale, Handsworth.....Residential Vacant
Lot 5:	893-895 Chester Road, Erdington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 44: 39 Conway Avenue, Tile Cross, Coventry.....Residential Vacant	Lot 87: 41 Waseley Road, Rubery.....Residential Vacant
Lot 6:	768 Bristol Road, Selly Oak.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 45: 141 Hales Crescent, Smethwick.....Residential Investment	Lot 88: 392 The Radleys, Kitts Green.....Residential Vacant
Lot 7:	Former Children's Day Nursery, 121 Clopton Road, Sheldon.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 46: 123 Birkenshaw Road, Great Barr.....Residential Vacant	Lot 89: 51 Millpool Gardens, Kings Heath.....Residential Vacant
Lot 8:	Office Premises 86 Main Street, Sparkbrook.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 47: 6-7 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 90: 11 Freer Road, Aston.....Residential Vacant
Lot 9:	Aston Council House, Albert Road, Aston.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 48: Former Beeches Public House, Merritts Brook Lane, Northfield.....Land	Lot 91: Strategic Land S85 off St Brades Close, Tivdale.....Land
Lot 10:	Site off Iphos Avenue, Stechford.....Land	Lot 49: Tezpur, Clarence Street, Upper Gornal, Dudley.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 92: 2-4 Marlborough Street, Kidderminster.....Commercial Vacant
Lot 11:	Pype Hayes Hall, 997 Chester Road, Erdington.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 50: 42 Davis Avenue, Tipton.....Residential Vacant	Lot 93: 84 Watsons Green Road, Dudley.....Residential Vacant
Lot 12:	Garages off Somerton Drive, Erdington.....Ground Rent	Lot 51: Land off Brookhouse Road, Barnt Green.....Land	Lot 94: 86 Watsons Green Road, Dudley.....Residential Vacant
Lot 13:	Innisfallen House, King Street, Bilston.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 52: 4 Rosary Road, Erdington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 95: 158 Scott Road, Olton.....Residential Investment
Lot 14:	Lichfield Chambers, 44 Queen Square, Wolverhampton.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 53: 8-9 Portland Street, Aston.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 96: 246 Nineveh Road, Handsworth.....Residential Investment
Lot 15:	Offices at Bow Street, Bilston.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 54: 5 Rooth Street, Wednesbury.....Residential Vacant	Lot 97: 67 Preston Road, Winson Green.....Residential Vacant
Lot 16:	Land off Hampshire Road, West Bromwich.....Land	Lot 55: 194 Tile Cross Road, Kitts Green.....Residential Vacant	Lot 98: 43 Hargreaves Street, Wolverhampton.....Residential Vacant
Lot 17:	Land Corner of Factory Road & Furnace Road, Tipton.....Land	Lot 56: 46 Grishorpe Road, Selly Oak.....Residential Vacant	Lot 99: 295 Laurel Road, Dudley.....Residential Vacant
Lot 18:	Land off Union Street, West Bromwich.....Land	Lot 57: 3 Riverlee Road, Tysley.....Part Residential Vacant/Part Residential Investment	Lot 100: 14 Wilkinson Avenue, Bilston.....Residential Investment
Lot 19:	24, 26, 28, 32 & 54 Park Road, Willenhall.....Ground Rents	Lot 58: 39 North Street, Dudley.....Residential Vacant	Lot 101: Land at Churchbridge, Oldbury.....Land
Lot 20:	17 & 21 Angela Avenue, Rowley Regis and 16 & 18 Belinda Close, Willenhall.....Ground Rents	Lot 59: 40 North Street, Dudley.....Residential Vacant	Lot 102: School House, Churchbridge, Oldbury.....Commercial Investment
Lot 21:	110 Gospel Oak Road & 14 William Kerr Road, Tipton.....Ground Rents	Lot 60: 2 Kitchener Road, Selly Park.....Residential Vacant	Lot 103: 46 Mulwyh Road, Kitts Green.....Residential Vacant
Lot 22:	Garages at Lazy Hill, Kings Norton.....Garages/Ground Rents	Lot 61: 18 Kitchener Road, Selly Park.....Residential Vacant	Lot 104: 2 & 3 Ablewell Street, Walsall.....Commercial Investment
Lot 23:	25 Brian Road, Smethwick.....Residential Vacant	Lot 62: 13 Old Orange Road, Sparkhill.....NOT BEING OFFERED	Lot 105: 48 Avenue Road, Coseley.....Residential Vacant
Lot 23a:	33 Coopers Bank Road, Gornal Wood, Dudley.....Residential Vacant	Lot 63: 5 Digby Road, Colehill.....Residential Vacant	Lot 106: 3 Challenger Avenue, Willenhall.....Residential Vacant
Lot 24:	Land Fronting Smithy Lane, Tansey Green, Brierley Hill.....Land	Lot 64: Land off Portway Farm, Tivdale.....Land	Lot 107: 117 Edward Street, Cannock.....Residential Vacant
Lot 25:	102 Silver Street, Wythall.....Residential Vacant	Lot 65: Land at Corner of Rooker Avenue & Rooker Crescent, Wolverhampton.....Land	Lot 108: 83 Richards Street, Darlaston.....Residential Vacant
Lot 25a:	17 Nursery Road, Handsworth.....Commercial Investment	Lot 66: 35 Clarendon Road, Edgbaston.....Part Residential Vacant/Part Residential Investment	Lot 109: The Bungalow, Croft Lane, Galleys, Staffs.....Residential Vacant
Lot 26:	488 Kenilworth Road, Balsall Common.....Residential Vacant	Lot 67: 29 Sapcote Trading Estate, Powke Lane, Cradley Heath.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 110: Strategic Land SL K2 at Rowley Regis.....Land
Lot 27:	29 Avonhurst, Dark Lane, Tiddington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 68: 155 Wensleydale Road, Great Barr.....SOLD PRIOR	Lot 111: 446 Wolverhampton Road East, Wolverhampton.....Residential Vacant
Lot 27a:	33 Endwood Court Road, Handsworth.....Residential Investment	Lot 69: 245 Perrywood Road, Great Barr.....SOLD PRIOR	Lot 112: 35 Sangwin Road, Coseley.....Residential Vacant
Lot 28:	1-11 Holmcor Road, Small Heath.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 70: 2, 3, 4 & 5 Bridge Street, Wednesbury.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 113: 32 Maxwell Road, Wolverhampton.....Residential Vacant
Lot 29:	189 Evesham Road, Redditch.....Commercial Investment	Lot 71: 7-8 Phoenix Park, Aston.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 114: 4 Waverley Street, Dudley.....Residential Vacant
Lot 30:	103 Barn Lane, Olton, Solihull.....Residential Investment	Lot 72: 9 New Hampton Road East, Wolverhampton.....Residential Vacant	Lot 115: 22 Gracemere Crescent, Hall Green.....Residential Vacant
Lot 31:	11 De Montfort Court, Henley in Arden.....Residential Vacant	Lot 73: 19 School Road, Wednesbury.....Residential Vacant	Lot 116: 60 Westbury Road, Wednesbury.....Residential Investment
Lot 32:	118 Holly Lane, Smethwick.....Residential Vacant	Lot 74: 54 Milverton Road, Erdington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 117: 34 Wherretts Well Lane, Solihull.....Residential Vacant
Lot 32a:	1a Pound Road & 22 Brunswick Park Road, Wednesbury.....Residential Investment	Lot 75: 5 Norfolk Road, Erdington.....Residential Vacant	Lot 118: 13 Essex Avenue, West Bromwich.....Residential Vacant
Lot 33:	Moseley Road Methodist Church, Moseley Road, Birmingham.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 76: Ryders Chambers, Springhead, Wednesbury.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 119: 278a Deans Road, Wolverhampton.....Residential Vacant
Lot 34:	28 Haselord Road, Sutton Coldfield.....Residential Investment	Lot 77: Land Adjacent 10 Watson Road, Coseley.....Land	Lot 120: 296a Kitts Green Road, Kitts Green.....Residential Vacant
Lot 35:	2 Crown Street, Worcester.....Residential Vacant	Lot 78: 20 Greenhill Road, Moseley.....Part Residential Vacant/Part Residential Investment	Lot 121: 68 Oxford Street, Wednesbury.....Residential Vacant
Lot 36:	The Hollybush Inn, Main Street, Sleightford, Staffs.....Commercial Vacant	Lot 79: 30a Mayfield Road, Moseley.....Residential Vacant	
Lot 37:	188 Brookside Lane, Walton, Stone, Staffs.....Residential Vacant	Lot 80: 135 Yardley Wood Road, Moseley.....Residential Vacant	
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**£750pcm**

Dudley  
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- ★ Three/four bed townhouse.
- ★ Furnished. GCH & DG
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen/diner with appliances



- ★ Separate utility room
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite including shower cubicle
- ★ Front & rear gardens. Integral garage

**£695pcm**

Brierley Hill  
Madison Avenue



- ★ Three storey town house
- ★ Three double bedrooms
- ★ Two bathrooms. CH & DG



- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Well equipped kitchen. Allocated parking

**£650pcm**

Bilston  
Constantine Way



- ★ Modern three bed detached house
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen with integrated oven & hob



- ★ Spacious laminated lounge. Alarmed
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite
- ★ Front & rear gardens. ORP

**£600pcm**

Willenhall  
Perryhall Drive



- ★ Two bed semi detached dormer bungalow
- ★ Lounge with patio doors to garden



- ★ Fitted kitchen with appliances
- ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
- ★ Double garage and ORP

**£550pcm**



- ★ Three bed semi detached house
- ★ Spacious lounge/dining room
- ★ Fitted kitchen with cooker
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ DG & GCH.
- ★ Driveway parking

**£550pcm**



- ★ Two bed first floor apartment
- ★ Spacious rooms. DG
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen. Allocated parking
- ★ Large naturally well lit lounge
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower

**£540pcm**

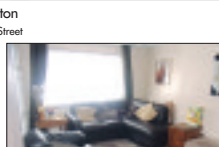


- ★ Three bed semi detached house
- ★ New GCH. DG. Upstairs & downstairs W.C's
- ★ New fully fitted breakfast kitchen
- ★ New family bathroom
- ★ Front & rear gardens. Parking to rear

**£525pcm**



- ★ Traditional three bed mid terraced house
- ★ DG & GCH. Lounge



- ★ Fully fitted dining kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Enclosed rear garden with pergola

**£525pcm**



- ★ Three storey town house
- ★ Fitted kitchen. Lounge
- ★ Three double bedrooms
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Integral garage

**£525pcm**



- ★ Attractive three bed semi detached house
- ★ CH & DG. Large forecourt
- ★ Hall, cloakroom and lounge
- ★ Dining area and fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath

**£500pcm**



- ★ Two bed semi detached house
- ★ Fitted kitchen with separate utility room
- ★ Spacious bathroom
- ★ with shower
- ★ Additional ground floor WC.
- ★ Two large reception rooms. ORP

**£495pcm**



- ★ Traditional three bed semi detached house.
- ★ Gas central heated
- ★ Kitchen/diner with patio doors to rear garden
- ★ Bathroom with bath and shower
- ★ Lift access
- ★ Driveway off road parking

**£495pcm**



- ★ Modern two bed mid town house
- ★ DG. Lounge & fitted dining kitchen



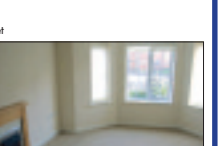
- ★ Conservatory. ORP
- ★ Bathroom with shower & bath
- ★ Rear garden

**£485pcm**



- ★ Two bed ground floor apartment
- ★ Spacious lounge. Fully fitted kitchen

**£475pcm**



- ★ Bathroom with shower
- ★ Master bedroom with en-suite shower room



- ★ Two bed semi detached house
- ★ GCH. Alarmed
- ★ Fitted breakfast kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Front & rear gardens

**£475pcm**



- ★ Modern two bed first floor apartment
- ★ Lounge. Fully fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath
- ★ Shower & shower
- ★ GCH. Communal parking
- ★ Communal garden

**£475pcm**



- ★ Two bed first floor flat
- ★ Fitted kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Separate entrance. ORP
- ★ Large rear communal garden

**£465pcm**



- ★ Four bed semi detached house
- ★ GCH & DG. Unfurnished
- ★ Ground floor bathroom
- ★ Kitchen/diner with cooker
- ★ Front & rear gardens. ORP

**£450pcm**



- ★ Three bed terraced house
- ★ Two reception rooms
- ★ Fitted kitchen. Shower room
- ★ CH & DG
- ★ Rear garden & ORP

**£425pcm**



- ★ One bed first floor flat
- ★ Unfurnished. Fitted kitchen
- ★ DG.
- ★ Lounge
- ★ Additional storage areas

**£400pcm**



- ★ One bed house
- ★ Open plan lounge/kitchen
- ★ GCH & DG.
- ★ Bathroom with bath & shower
- ★ Small garden. Parking

**£395pcm**

Tipton  
Thunderbolt Way

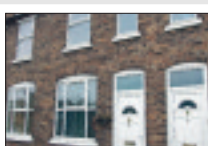


- ★ Modern ground floor apartment
- ★ One bed
- ★ Shower room

**£375pcm**



- ★ Laminated lounge
- ★ Fitted kitchen with breakfast bar
- ★ Allocated parking



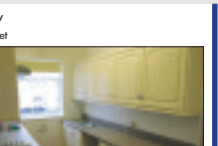
- ★ Mid terrace two bed cottage
- ★ GCH & DG. Lounge
- ★ Breakfast kitchen
- ★ Bathroom with bath
- ★ Rear yard

**£375pcm**



- ★ Spacious one bed first floor maisonette
- ★ Fully fitted kitchen

**£375pcm**



- ★ Luxurious bathroom with shower
- ★ Spacious lounge
- ★ Parking available



- ★ Choice of two one bed flats
- ★ Newly fitted kitchen & bathroom
- ★ Deceptively spacious throughout
- ★ Close to local amenities & motorway network
- ★ Viewing Highly Recommended

**£350pcm**



# K. Stuart Swash

## PROPERTY AUCTION - TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2011



**11 TOWNHALL STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
A two-story house with a garden. The property is in good condition and offers a great opportunity for investment or as a family home. The house has a large front garden and a rear garden. The house is in a quiet residential area and is close to schools and shops.



**37 WILKINSON STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
A two-story house with a garden. The property is in good condition and offers a great opportunity for investment or as a family home. The house has a large front garden and a rear garden. The house is in a quiet residential area and is close to schools and shops.



**127 WILKINSON STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
A two-story house with a garden. The property is in good condition and offers a great opportunity for investment or as a family home. The house has a large front garden and a rear garden. The house is in a quiet residential area and is close to schools and shops.



**101 WILKINSON STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
A two-story house with a garden. The property is in good condition and offers a great opportunity for investment or as a family home. The house has a large front garden and a rear garden. The house is in a quiet residential area and is close to schools and shops.



**24 WILKINSON STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
A two-story house with a garden. The property is in good condition and offers a great opportunity for investment or as a family home. The house has a large front garden and a rear garden. The house is in a quiet residential area and is close to schools and shops.

### HOSPITAL LANE, WEST COSELEY

Plot of land  
R/O 59B & 59C  
Hudson Street  
approx 400 sq yds with  
road frontage  
Guide: £8,000 to £10,000



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**THE 40-LEIGH 40-LEIGH RD, UPPER 2000 STREET, WOLVERHAMPTON**  
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**VIEWING OF ALL LOTS AT OWN RISK**  
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On **TUESDAY 6th DECEMBER 2011 @ 6.30 pm**  
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Wolverhampton, WV4 5AJ



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**17 WHEATRIDGE CLOSE £340,000**  
**WALL HEATH**  
● Extended & altered 4 bedroom detached home  
● Includes some woodland at rear  
● Long reception hall, spacious dining kitchen, utility  
● Open plan lounge + dining area, study/gym  
● Cloakroom, bathroom, en-suite shower room  
● Summerhouse, c. heating, d. glazing, alarm



**10A CHAPEL STREET £250,000**  
**WALL HEATH**  
● Large extended 3 bedroom semi detached  
● Through lounge/dining area, family room  
● Re-fitted kitchen, utility, shower room  
● Dressing room, bathroom, large en-suite  
● Gardens adjoining park + land adjoining house  
● Central heating, double glazing



**6 PLOVERDALE CRESCENT £210,000**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● A 4 bedroom detached house  
● Lounge, dining room, cloakroom  
● Conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility  
● En-suite, bathroom, garage, driveway  
● Front & rear gardens & central heating



**3 KINGSLEY ROAD £210,000**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● Much improved 3 bedroom semi-detached  
● Entrance porch, reception hall, kitchen  
● Through lounge/dining area, conservatory  
● Shower room, parking, rear garden  
● Central heating and double glazing



**83 KINGSLEY ROAD £205,000**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● A 3 bedroom semi-detached property  
● Entrance porch, reception hall, kitchen  
● Through lounge/dining area, conservatory  
● Shower room, parking, rear garden  
● Central heating, double glazing & alarm



**16 HINSFORD CLOSE £204,995**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● A 4 bedroom detached house  
● Lounge, dining room, fitted cloakroom,  
● Re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite  
● Garage with utility area, driveway  
● Central heating & double glazing



**17 SOUTHERN CLOVE £184,950**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● Modern 3 bedroom link detached home  
● Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge  
● Dining kitchen, bathroom, garage  
● Front and rear gardens, alarm  
● Central heating, double glazing



**114 MOUNT PLEASANT £179,950**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● Extended traditional semi-detached house  
● Through lounge/dining area, re-fitted kitchen  
● 3 bedrooms, bathroom  
● Garage, driveway, long rear garden  
● Central heating & double glazing  
● INCENTIVES COULD BE OFFERED FOR QUICK SALE



**15 HAMILTON CLOSE £159,950**  
**WORDSLEY**  
● Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house  
● Cloakroom, lounge/diner, enlarged kitchen  
● Bathroom, study/workshop (from garden)  
● Part garage conversion to create store  
● Central heating & double glazing



**21 CAMDEN WAY £157,500**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● A 3 bedroom semi-detached house  
● Through lounge/dining area,  
● Re-fitted kitchen & bathroom  
● Driveway, garage, gardens front & rear  
● Central heating & double glazing



**62 BALMORAL ROAD £154,950**  
**ASHWOOD PARK, WORDSLEY**  
● 3 bedroom semi detached house  
● Popular Ashwood Park location  
● Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen  
● Bathroom, pleasant garden, garage  
● Central heating & double glazing



**23 SANDRINGHAM ROAD £149,500**  
**WORDSLEY**  
● Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house  
● Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen, utility  
● Versatile room + shower room off  
● Bathroom, large driveway, rear garden  
● Central heating & double glazing



**305 ALBERMARLE ROAD £147,950**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● Semi-detached house with tandem garage  
● Lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen  
● Re-fitted downstairs bathroom  
● 3 bedrooms (2 are interconnecting)  
● Central heating & double glazing



**12 THE GREEN £145,500**  
**WORDSLEY**  
● Modern 3 bedroom town house  
● Lounge, cloakroom, conservatory  
● Fitted kitchen, attractive rear garden  
● 2nd floor master bedroom + en-suite  
● Allocated parking, central heating  
● Double glazing & alarm



**9 BALFOUR ROAD £145,000**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● A three bedroom semi detached house  
● Lounge, conservatory, re-fitted kitchen  
● Re-fitted bathroom, driveway  
● Garage at rear, rear garden  
● Central heating & double glazing



**112 MARINE CRESCENT £142,500**  
**WORDSLEY**  
● 2 bedroom semi-detached bungalow  
● Entrance hall, lounge, kitchen  
● 2 bedrooms, wet room, car port  
● Driveway, level gardens front & rear  
● Central heating & double glazing



**29 HAZEL ROAD £139,950**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● Extended 3 bedroom semi-detached house  
● Lounge, re-fitted dining kitchen  
● Spacious re-fitted bathroom  
● Large garage, driveway, rear garden  
● Double glazing & central heating



**16 MARLBOROUGH GARDENS £120,000**  
**WORDSLEY**  
● A 3 bedroom end terrace house  
● Situated at the head of a cul-de-sac  
● Spacious lounge, re-fitted kitchen, utility  
● Bathroom, front & rear gardens  
● Central heating & double glazing



**28 COLUMBUS AVENUE £119,950**  
**MERRY HILL**  
● 2 bedroom first floor apartment  
● Entrance hall, through lounge dining area  
● Fitted kitchen, en-suite shower room  
● Bathroom, allocated parking  
● Central heating, double glazing



**27 CATESBY DRIVE £99,950**  
**KINGSWINFORD**  
● 1 bedroom ground floor flat  
● Re-fitted kitchen & shower room  
● Lounge, front & rear gardens  
● Single garage and driveway at rear  
● Electric heating & double glazing



**8 MARSHALL CRESCENT £565**  
**WORDSLEY**  
● Luxury new build 2 bedroom apartment  
● Hallway + intercom + store off  
● Lounge + 2 patio doors out  
● Kitchen + oven & hob, bathroom, en-suite  
● Allocated courtyard parking/visitors parking  
● Covered bike storage, communal grounds

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## London Heights, Dudley



£120,000 **NEW**

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, shower room, rear garden, driveway and garage.

## Stockton Court, Mason Street



£50,000 **NEW**

First floor one bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, allocated parking, communal gardens and garage.

## Red Lion Close, Tividale



£50,000 **NEW**

Ground floor one bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance, lounge, modern kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and garage.

## Peel Way, Tividale



£70,000 **NEW PRICE**

Ground floor two bedroom flat briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

## Manor Drive, Dudley



Offers Over £125,000 **NEW PRICE**

A two bedroom detached bungalow briefly comprising of a lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and driveway, central heating and double glazing.

## Goodrich Mews, Dudley



Offers Over £80,000 **NEW PRICE**

Two bedroom third floor apartment briefly comprising communal entrance, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, communal gardens and allocated parking.

## Wrens Nest Road, Dudley



£60,000 **NEW PRICE**

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, modern kitchen, conservatory, bathroom, front and rear gardens.

## Richmond Road, Dudley



Offers Over £90,000 **NEW PRICE**

Three bedroom semi detached house briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, bathroom, garden and driveway.

## Summerfield Road, Dudley



£100,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, ground floor bathroom, garden, garage and off road parking.

## Central Avenue, Tipton



Offers Over £85,000

Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, upstairs shower room, front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Wheatsheaf Road, Tividale



Offers Over £85,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens.

## Claughton Road, Dudley



£125,000

Detached three bedroom property briefly downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, further reception room, kitchen, utility, upstairs shower room, front and rear garden, garage and car port.



## Julie Croft, Bilston



£130,000

Detached three bedroom property comprising lounge, downstairs wc, kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage. No upward chain.

## Langley Avenue, Bilston



Offers Over £90,000

Well presented terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising of a lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

## Elizabeth Grove, Dudley



£225,000

Detached three bedroom property comprising downstairs wc, study, two reception rooms, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Yarner Close, Dudley



Offers Over £210,000

Detached four bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, downstairs wc, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, rear garden, driveway and garage.

## Arundel Drive, Tividale



Offers Over £80,000

Terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising of a lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

## Cinder Road, Dudley



Offers Over £140,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, garage and driveway.

## Priory Road, Dudley



Offers Over £135,000

Semi detached three bedroom property, lounge, dining room, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, front and rear garden, garage currently used as utility and driveway.

## Old Park Road, Dudley



£130,000

Detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, and master bedroom with en-suite, rear garden and driveway.

## Cinder Bank, Dudley



£69,950

End terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising dining room, lounge, kitchen, downstairs bathroom, rear garden.

## Oval Road, Tipton



Offers Over £90,000

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, bathroom, separate wc, front and rear gardens and driveway.

## Laurel Road, Dudley



Offers Over £90,000

Three bedroom semi detached property briefly comprising kitchen, lounge, dining room, downstairs wc, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

## Westfield Road, Sedgley



Offers Over £110,000

Mid terraced four bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen, downstairs wc, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.



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A VERY IMPRESSIVE & SUBSTANTIAL MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME, which enjoys a mature, private rear garden, within a desirable address (just off Cot Lane). Offering a VERY GENEROUS, BEAUTIFULLY PRESENTED & VERY WELL APPOINTED layout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large attractive L-shape Lounge, CONSERVATORY, Separate Dining Room, LUXURY RE-FITTED KITCHEN with appliances, Laundry Room, Ground Floor WC, 4 EXCELLENT BEDROOMS, master with EN SUITE SHOWER and LUXURY HOUSE BATHROOM. The property also offers a BROAD BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a beautifully established rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £299,950

Very pleasantly located upon the highly sought after Badgers Rise development, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND BEAUTIFULLY APPOINTED, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers an EXPENSIVELY IMPROVED LAYOUT of accommodation which is ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge, extended and beautifully appointed dining kitchen, delightful conservatory extension, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. Set back beyond lawns to the fore, together with TARMAC DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a rear garden with large L-shaped patio and lawn. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £197,950

Constructed circa. 2007 in a secure gated development of just 4 dwellings with good distant views, and being within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, shops, schools, and countryside etc.; a Freehold, gas centrally heated & upVC double glazed detached. The accommodation includes: reception hall, fitted cloakroom, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' effect units & numerous integrated appliances, spacious living room, store, and brick/upVC double glazed CONSERVATORY. Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, secluded garden, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers in the region of £179,950

**KINGSWINFORD**

**WALL HEATH VILLAGE**

**WORDSLEY**

**KINGSWINFORD**

**BRIERLEY HILL**



3 Camden Way

41 Fellows Avenue

3 Helston Close

9 Compton Grove

Mill Street

Superbly located within this small cul-de-sac upon the extremely sought after and highly respected, 'Chatterfield' development, this ATTRACTIVELY IMPROVED AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a WELL PLANNED and SPACIOUS layout of accommodation which includes: GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, SOLAR ASSISTED WATER HEATING and comprising: reception hall, attractive lounge with drains area off, LARGE CONSERVATORY EXTENSION, fitted kitchen, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the front garden, together with LONG DRIVEWAY with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a LARGE ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN which benefits an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £161,950

Superbly placed within a much sought after address, close to schools and amenities, this IMPRESSIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME provides a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of ATTRACTIVELY RE-APPOINTED ACCOMMODATION, including gas central heating, UPVC double glazing, comprising: ENTRANCE PORCH, RECEPTION HALL, GENEROUS LOUNGE, SPACIOUS DINING ROOM, JUST REFITTED KITCHEN WITH BUILT-IN APPLIANCES, GROUND FLOOR SHOWER ROOM, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the DRIVE WAY, front garden, GARAGE and GENEROUS LEVEL REAR GARDEN which has a sunny and private aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £159,950

Pleasantly located within this small cul-de-sac just off Belle Vue, forming part of this established and highly sought after location which is well placed for local amenities, this MODERN DETACHED BUNGALOW enjoys a corner position at the head of the cul-de-sac and offers a VERY WELL PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, splendid large lounge, kitchen, fire, two good sized bedrooms and wet room with classic white suite. Set back beyond lawns to the fore together with a LONG DRIVEWAY approach to GARAGE to the side and enjoying a PLEASANTLY SECLUDED REAR GARDEN which benefits an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £157,950

Exceptionally well placed within this most desirable cul-de-sac conveniently located just off Stream Road and just a short distance from the heart of Kingswinford, this MOST SUBSTANTIAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME requires updating and improvement, yet offers great potential, providing an INCREDIBLY SPACIOUS and EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: Reception Hall, ground floor WC, exceptionally spacious L-shaped Lounge with Dining Area, Kitchen, THREE EXCELLENT DOUBLE BEDROOMS and Bathroom. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED DRIVEWAY which provides off-road parking for several vehicles, with approach to Garage and enjoying a low maintenance rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £157,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

We are pleased to offer for sale this modern styled 3 bedroomed semi detached property situated on a large end/corner plot, the double glazed and gas centrally heated accommodation comprises, porch, long hallway, kitchen, lounge, 3 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, long frontage, garden to side and rear, driveway, garage, burglar alarm, rare opportunity. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £129,950

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Mullett Street

Mount Pleasant

244 Bromley Lane

Fir Tree Drive

73 Rowan Rise

Rarely available and well presented throughout is this modern style 3 storey town house positioned on an end plot with larger gardens. The gas centrally heated and upvc accommodation is seen to comprise, hall, guest w.c. Fitted kitchen with appliances, transverse lounge, 2 bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor, master bedroom and en-suite to the second floor, nice sized garden to the rear, garage to the side, driveway to the front, burglar alarm, realistically priced and must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £124,950

Rare opportunity to purchase this traditionally styled gas centrally heated and upvc double glazed two bedroomed detached bungalow sold with no upward chain and comprising, long hallway, two bedrooms, lounge, bathroom, kitchen, long garden to the rear with lots of potential, driveway to the front, requiring selective modernisation, realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £124,950

Conveniently placed for local amenities within this very popular and established address, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED AND VERY WELL PRESENTED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS and GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance porch, reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, fitted kitchen, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY with approach to a LARGE SINGLE GARAGE and enjoying an ATTRACTIVELY LAID OUT REAR GARDEN, which enjoys a SOUTHERLY ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £124,950

An attractive, stylish, FREEHOLD, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached that has been 'transformed' by the present vendors in recent years to provide superb accommodation including lounge with 'living flame' feature gas fire, stone, transverse dining kitchen refitted in May 2011 with a fine range of 'light beech' effect units & many integrated appliances & double opening french doors out to the garden. Two double bedrooms, reapportioned bathroom with white suite, neat gardens, possible garage space (subject to regulations). SEDGLEY OFFICE: 01384 265265

Price: £124,950

A MOST DECEPTIVE, SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MID TERRACE FAMILY HOME which is very well placed close to the heart of Kingswinford, within this established and very popular location and offering an EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate dining room, extended and refitted L-shaped kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and refitted shower room. Set back beyond a GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY and enjoying a patio / lawn/rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £119,950

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30 Larch Road

75a Nanaimo Way

Smithy Lane

Swan Street

14 Standhills Road

Well placed within a delightful cul-de-sac, this IMPRESSIVE MODERN SEMI-DETACHED HOME provides a DECEPTIVELY SPACIOUS layout of WELL MAINTAINED accommodation which requires some updating, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: Reception Hall, Large Lounge, Full Width Fitted Kitchen with Dining area, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS and an Attractive Bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the front garden, LONG DRIVEWAY and a GENEROUS ATTRACTIVELY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN with secluded aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £112,500

Enjoying a PLEASANT FRONT OUTLOOK onto lawns/trees to the fore, together with an ATTRACTIVE REAR ASPECT with trees/greenery beyond, this BEAUTIFULLY IMPROVED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers a SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED LAYOUT which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: spacious lounge, BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED DINING KITCHEN with integrated appliances, THREE BEDROOMS and refitted bathroom. Set back beyond a LARGE BLOCK PAVED FORECOURT and enjoying a pleasant patio / lawn rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £109,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

Positioned close to local countryside, within walking distance of local facilities, this traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed 3 bedroomed semi detached residence ideally suited to the first time purchaser, and comprising, porch, hallway, through lounge, extended kitchen, side storage, 3 first floor bedrooms, white bathroom suite, garden to the front with driveway, low maintenance garden to the rear, cavity wall and loft insulation, upvc gutter and fascia, realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £104,950

Being realistically priced, situated close to all local facilities, and offering great potential this modern styled upvc double glazed 3 bedroomed semi detached property sold with no upward chain. Accommodation is seen to comprise, porch, hall, thru lounge / dining area, kitchen, 3 first floor bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, tandem length garage, cavity wall insulation, 1 owner from new, BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £104,950

A MOST DECEPTIVE, EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, MID TERRACE FAMILY HOUSE which is very well placed upon highly sought after Standhills Road and requires updating and improvement, but offers considerable potential, providing a GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED layout of accommodation, including TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS, together with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, PART UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, spacious lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, utility room, THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS and bathroom with separate shower. Set back beyond lawns to the fore and enjoying a patio / lawn/rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £99,950 - NO UPWARD CHAIN

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Dudley Road

Exchange Street

Gordon Crescent

28 Celandine Close

The Straits

This fine End Terrace property has been the subject of many improvements by the current vendors in recent years. Providing 2 bedroomed accommodation with gas central heating and upvc double glazing it is worthy of internal inspection and is presented to a high standard. Comprising: inner hall, through lounge, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, 2 first floor bedrooms, Boutique style bathroom with spa bath and separate shower cubicle, low maintenance garden area to rear. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

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Located in this established residential location, close to all local facilities is this modern style 2 bedroomed upvc double glazed semi detached property, ideal for the first time buyer and comprising, hall, modern kitchen, transverse lounge, 2 first floor bedrooms, modern bathroom, low maintenance landscaped garden to rear, off road parking to the front, must be seen. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £85,950

Realistically priced for the first time buyer, and requiring selective modernisation is this ground floor flat which comprises, hall, lounge, kitchen, bedroom, bathroom, option to rent garage, no upward chain. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE: 01384 265265

Offers around £54,950

A VERY IMPRESSIVE AND SUBSTANTIAL LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys this much sought after cul-de-sac position, CLOSE TO EXCELLENT SCHOOLS, offering BEAUTIFULLY RE-APPOINTED accommodation with GAS CENTRAL HEATING, REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING, comprising: through reception hall, ground floor guests cloakroom, off, fantastic large lounge, generous separate dining room, refitted family dining kitchen, separate utility/laundry room, FOUR LARGE BEDROOMS and attractive house bathroom. The property is further enhanced by the DRIVEWAY, front lawn, CARPORT, GARAGE and a LEVEL REAR GARDEN with patio, lawn, decking and open rear aspect backing onto the Glyne school field. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £279,950

NO UPWARD CHAIN: An EXTENSIVELY significantly upgraded, re-decorated & significantly enhanced, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily upVC double glazed detached family home with the rare advantage of potential GRANNY SUITE to the rear. Conveniently situated within reasonable distance of so many amenities/Post Office/country park. The flexible accommodation includes: entrance porch, reception hall, spacious 17ft long dining room with patio doors out to the sun terrace, breakfast kitchen, laundry, and GRANNY SUITE arrangement including shower room, 18ft second reception room with French doors out to the sun terrace and a study (possible fourth bedroom) beyond. To the first floor are three bedrooms (all with wardrobes), bathroom with a white suite, separate toilet. Block paved driveway, garage, secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE: 01384 265265

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**Offers in the region of £189,950****SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

A delightful, stylish, significantly upgraded & improved, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed detached with many period features. Consistently maintained accommodation includes entrance vestibule, imposing reception hall, spacious L-shape transverse living/dining room (defined lounge & dining room sections), sitting room with bay, kitchen with an extensive range of cream finish units, 'conservatory'. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, lengthy 28'8" garage. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £174,950****WOODSETTON****Vicarage Road West**

A stylish, significantly EXTENDED & ENLARGED, gas centrally heated & double glazed semi detached family home. The superb accommodation includes: imposing reception hall, lounge with bay, store, study, extended 22'7" 'hub of the house' dining kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated appliances & patio doors, utility room. To the first floor are two double & one single bedrooms, reappointed shower room with a white suite, and there is a sizeable second floor loft conversion providing a double bedroom with a bathroom en suite. Professionally landscaped 'Japanese theme' gardens, block paved parking. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £168,950****KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****81 Dudley Road**

This ELEGANT, TRADITIONAL, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE, is secluded and set back beyond a long foregarden and, with rear patio / lawn with trees to the rear, offers a superb yet convenient setting and offers: Fine Hall, SPLENDID LOUNGE with walk-in bay, separate large Dining Room, refitted Kitchen, separate UTILITY/LAUNDRY. Three excellent Bedrooms and JUST REFITTED FEATURE BATHROOM plus GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND DOUBLE GLAZING. Long foregarden with conifer screen, long drive/parking to SIDE GARAGE and pleasant family gardens. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £164,950****PENSNETT****27 Tarry Hollow Road**

A VERY IMPRESSIVE MODERN LINK DETACHED FAMILY HOME which is superbly located within this extremely popular modern development, offering BEAUTIFULLY MAINTAINED AND EXTREMELY WELL APPOINTED accommodation, comprising: reception hall, large attractive lounge, separate dining room, luxury refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD BEDROOMS, luxury refitted shower room, GAS CENTRAL HEATING AND REPLACEMENT UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is slightly elevated back beyond the LANDSCAPED FRONTAGE including LARGE DRIVEWAY, 23 GARAGE and a BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED & ATTRACTIVELY MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Offers Around £159,950****WOODSETTON****Vicarage Road West**

A comparatively SPACIOUS & highly individual, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached nearing completion & to be covered by NHBC guarantee. There is a canopy porch & the well appointed accommodation includes 17'10" lounge with walk-in bay, inner hallway, fitted cloakroom, L-shape 17'4" dining kitchen with a fine range of 'Old English Cream' effect units & numerous integrated appliances, laundry section & dining room section (with double French doors out to garden). THREE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite), stylish bathroom, parking/car port space, level fenced/turfed rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £157,500****LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Wordsworth Road, Straits**

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**Offers in the region of £156,950****LOWER GORNAL****Masefield Road, Straits**

ALL OFFERS CONSIDERED. A conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed detached most conveniently situated in popular district within reasonable walking distance of so many amenities/country park, etc. This home includes entrance porch, reception hall, store, breakfast kitchen, 15'8" L-shape lounge/dining room (with patio doors), three bedrooms (two with wardrobes), reappointed shower room (former bathroom) with white suite, garage, good sized well tended/secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £155,950****SEDGLEY****Brownswall Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, EXTENDED, uPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in a much favoured residential location. The surprisingly spacious property would ideally benefit from some cosmetic enhancement, and briefly comprises: entrance porch, hall, extended living room, dining room, kitchen, Three bedrooms, shower room with separate W.C., larger than average garage, driveway and a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £154,950****COSELEY****Portland Place**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well presented, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed bungalow that has been 'transformed' by present vendors in recent years as a personal inspection will confirm. The accommodation provides spacious reception hall, lounge, refitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, two double bedrooms, guest w.c., reappointed 'Jack & Jill' bathroom/wet room with white suite, garage, block paved driveway and extensive parking, secluded 'low maintenance' rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £149,950****SEDGLEY****Northway**

An attractive, significantly improved & conscientiously maintained, uPVC double glazed Leasehold semi detached in popular favoured neighbourhood. Accommodation provides entrance hallway, lounge, dining room (with patio doors to garden), kitchen, pantry, three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), bathroom, carport, utility room & 'office' beyond, block paved foregarden, landscaped rear garden with raised decking & good views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £145,000****COSELEY****Hall Lane, Hurst Hill**

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**Offers in the region of £139,995****WOMBOURNE VILLAGE****15 Westbrook Way**

Superbly located within this small 'cul-de-sac' within highly sought after Wombourne Village and within walking distance of local shops available close by in Common Road, this EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS, TRADITIONAL, SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME offers VERY GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge with dining room area off, attractively refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate w.c. Set back beyond the GOOD SIZED BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY and enjoying a LARGE REAR GARDEN which enjoys an OPEN REAR ASPECT. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

**Price: £139,950****COSELEY****Kenelm Road**

An EXTENDED, tremendously modernised, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached of character in quiet/very convenient cul de sac. Accommodation provides enlarged porch, reception hall, pantry, 24'6" through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms) with bay & patio doors, extended/refitted 17'5" kitchen with oven, hob & extractor, fridge & freezer. Three bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite & shower. Block paved foregarden, potential garage space, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £122,000****COSELEY****Legge Lane**

A delightful, tremendously enhanced, EXTENDED & significantly improved, traditional, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily uPVC double glazed inter-war semi detached of character that has been sympathetically restored in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing so many period features. Outstanding accommodation includes recessed porch, reception hall, separate dining room (with open fireplace), lounge with patio doors, extended/refitted kitchen with various integrated appliances, pantry. Three bedrooms, bathroom, sheltered/secluded garden & large CONTRACTORS GARAGE to the rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

**Offers in the region of £119,950****DUDLEY****Denbigh Close**

This beautifully presented, modern, uPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained by the present owner and may particularly appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, lounge, dining kitchen, two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & private rear garden with sunny aspect. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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**Price: £103,950****HOLLY HALL****Hallchurch Road**

This traditionally styled, extended three bedroomed semi detached property has been extended on the ground floor with the useful addition of a wet room and guest wc, and is suitable for a disabled/elderly person requiring wheelchair access and ground floor washing facilities. The accommodation comprises: porch, hall, lounge, dining room, modern kitchen, wet room with guest wc, three bedrooms, bathroom, garden to front and rear, garage, majority uPVC windows, gas central heating, car port. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers Around £99,950****NETHERTON****BAPTIST END ROAD**

Having been the subject of a complete scheme of modernisation by the current vendors, this gas centrally heated and uPVC double glazed, modern style three bedroomed semi detached property offers family sized accommodation, and may be of particular interest to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises: hall, lounge, re-fitted kitchen/diner, guest wc, three first floor bedrooms, re-fitted bathroom with shower, landscaped rear garden, parking to the front, rear access with allocated space for garage. Realistically priced. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**offers around £99,950****COSELEY****Ebenezer Street**

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**Price: £87,500****NETHERTON****Yew Tree Road**

This gas centrally heated mid town house offers three bedroomed family accommodation which comprises: hall, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, three bedrooms, garden to the rear, new A rated boiler in 2009. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

**Offers around £84,950****NETHERTON****PARK ROAD**

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**Offers around £84,950****LOWER GORNAL****Central Drive**

A modernised, conscientiously maintained, freehold, gas centrally heated & uPVC double glazed end 'starter home' with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear in an established/convenient district. Accommodation provides reception hall, 21ft through living/dining room, upgraded kitchen, two double bedrooms, reappointed bathroom with white suite & there are gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

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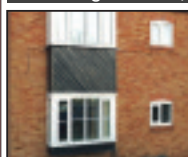
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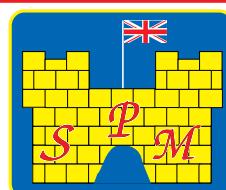
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# V-Strom is taking Suzuki marque into new territory

By Bob Hickman

THE 2012 version Suzuki V-Strom takes the company into a potential marketplace that I think they may have overlooked – I refer to those more mature bikers.

Sadly, with age comes certain problems with regard to flexibility and mobility; access to low-slung cars and sport motorbikes in particular becomes more problematic, but rather than give up on motor cycling why not have a look at this new V-Strom machine?

It is a delight to ride, like sitting in your favourite armchair with your old comfy slippers.

That is not to say that the bike is a slouch, it is just that it really is a delightful package that Suzuki has put together.

The new styling is a stunning success in its own right. It looks reasonably upmarket, doesn't cost a lot and improvements have been made throughout the range from the engine to the handling and the manageability.

It is quite a good package and it is a willing and eager performer. The 650 V-twin engine is almost linear-like in its flexibility and power performance, and it surprised me considerably with the smoothness and willingness to pull and the degree of torque displayed in fifth and sixth gears.

## Smooth

It always felt a free-revving engine and yet, for a V-twin configuration, it was not lumpy like some of the larger V-twins that I have ridden.

It was extremely smooth like a 4-cylinder and with 68bhp and a 120mph top speed where possible, not slow either.

The engine has its red line at a high 10,000 and it was pleasant to note that at 60mph the engine ticked over at 4,250 and at 70mph it was doing a mere 5,000 revs per minute.

The handling characteristics impressed me. The V-Strom was like a sports bike to ride – its initial impression gives you a feeling of looking like a trail bike, probably in the mould of the Triumph Adventurer or the big BMW.

But its handling belies this, probably due to the excellent tubeless tyres, the rear being quite a nice low-profile, wide 150/70 R17, so you never had the feeling of falling off the edge of the world.

I particularly like the dashboard. Here you have all the instrumentation clearly laid out in front of you, accessible by the big gloved hand.

The LCD panel has a digital speed display, a fuel gauge, temperature gauge and a dual trip meter.

It also had a computer to work out the on-board fuel consumption – and I was extremely pleased to return 67.3mpg during my sojourn with the bike on an assortment of road types.

## Niggle

One item that did annoy me was that the indicators do not self-cancel. I know this is only a minor niggle, but a lot of bikes nowadays have self-cancelling indicators and whilst I accept I should look at the repeater panel to remind myself to cancel them, I do feel that this is an oversight and could be addressed.

Shorter riders will have no problem with the Suzuki's seat height of marginally over 32in; in addition it is not particularly heavy at 472lb.

So again, ease of manoeuvrability – even when it comes to stopping at traffic lights it is not too difficult for the feet to go down and to be in total control of the machine.

The bike has twin disc brakes at the front and a single disc at the rear. It also has an ABS system.

A slight negative for me was the amount of dip when the front brake was applied. I thought it needed a little more damping.

Whether a thicker grade oil or a slightly higher rate of spring may work I am not certain, but that is purely a personal thing for me.

The starting system was electronic and with a fuel injection system on the engine there are no fiddly chokes to mess with – the engine drops in to a pleasant tick-over without any problems.

The V-Strom is a machine worth a second glance, albeit not a sports mode, but this is a machine that with the right rider on board could certainly give a lot of sports riders a run for their money – and a bit of a shock.

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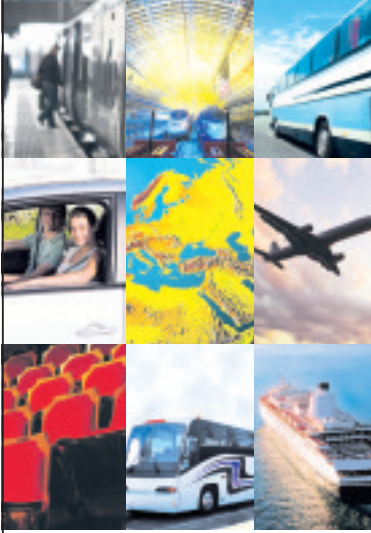
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# Kingswinford leave Yardley side stressed up to the nines

## Kingswinford 9 Yardley 2

(Match report by Harry Potter)

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Unfortunately due to an unforeseen emergency Kings were left with 12 men however after several early attempts on the Yardley goal, player-coach Billy Jawanda opened the scoring for Kingswinford after five minutes finishing a well-worked short-corner move.

Shortly after this Kaz Purewell was caught in the head by a stick and had to leave the pitch reducing kings to a straight 11.

Usual Winger Edward Parkes bravely stepped up to take Purewell's place at right back. Kings struggled to make any more of an impact in the game for the next 20 minutes and chances went begging until Kings

were spurred into action when Yardley equalised against the run of play and regained their lead minutes later winning a penalty flick after the ball struck a Yardley foot on the line.

Up stepped Jawanda who converted expertly to give kings the lead going into half time. After a stern team talk Kings started the second half better when Parkes played the ball to Sam George who put Striker Colin Morris clean through to extend kings lead.

Minutes later Jawanda claimed his hat-trick with a well-paced strike from top D. This opened the flood gates for Kings and they began to dominate possession and the lead was extended again by left-half Cole Hickman who fired into the bottom left corner with a reverse stick shot.

Captain Adam Pritchard then sent an inch perfect through-ball to George who unselfishly set Hickman

up with an easy finish to make it 6-1.

Once again Jawanda demonstrated his knowledge and skill of the game by putting away his fourth with a blistering undercut, and a fifth latching on to the end of another brilliant set-up by George.

In the last five minutes Yardley won a Penalty Flick after the ball struck Parkes on the goal line, which was then converted. With the game nearly over Hickman collected a rebound and slotted home for his hat-trick to tie up the game for Kings.

MoM: Raghvir Singh

## 2nd Team Kingswinford 3 Pershore 1

Following a poor result last week, the team were keen to make amends with the squad back to full strength apart from Ravi "Twinkle Toes" Johal.

The game started at a brisk pace

and following an attack on the right hand side, the ball was crossed to Guneet Uppal whose reverse stick trademark hit sounded the back-board. Pershore then came into the game and attacked productively.

It seemed inevitable they would score as Kings just seemed unable to clear the ball from within their own goal area. The goal was well taken; however, it was more the result of poor defending.

Kings then launched a series of attacks and managed to get some short corners one of which was taken by Daman Johal which hit the post with the keeper well beaten.

Pershore continued to attack and put Kings under considerable pressure which went on until half time.

Following a stiff team talk, Kings came out with renewed passion and attacked on the right flank through Sunny Uppal and Daman.

It became a scrappy affair where both teams realised the next goal could turn the game. From a short corner, Guneet was once again reliable with a flick that nestled nicely into the back of the net. Pershore then gained momentum and attacked on both flanks that stretched both the midfield and defence line.

Billy Sandhu had a difficult player to mark; however, he remained resolute and made it hard for the player to make any constructive penetrations.

With Pershore attacking to equalise gaps were being left in their midfield. Lubby Ram tried some aerial balls to Kuldeep Randhawa who was unlucky not to score as the ball went just wide of the post.

Towards the end of the game, Kings earned a short corner from which Sonny Matharu scored to seal the victory.

The first half of the season is over and upon reflection, although Kings have experience, passion and desire to win, there are areas they need to work on such as fitness and ball speed if they are to build on their progress during the second half of the season.

In regards to man of the match, there were some patchy displays by all the players.

Sonny Matharu and Sunny Uppal showed plenty of drive and determination, Billy Sandhu stuck to his task very well, Daman's distribution and running felt just short of the goal he well deserved; Dulla Sandhu and Amo Sian made some timely interceptions, however, with two well-taken goals, Guneet was man of the match.

Many thanks to Sati Singh and Richard Turner for their umpiring duties which they carried out very well.

## Halas ladies on gr-eight run of wins

### Halas Ladies 8 B-ham Medics 0

For the second week running, Halas Hawks Ladies recorded an 8-0 win, this time against Birmingham Medics in the Birmingham County Women's League. The first half was a much closer affair with the teams separated by only one goal, which came from a 40-yard trademark shot from Katie Monk. But the second half was a totally different game with Halas taking advantage of the slope and scoring three goals in the first four minutes of the half through Gemma College (2) and Sam Whittaker. Further goals came from College who got a hat-trick, Tash Berry (2) and Lydia Bradley.

### Girls League

#### Halas Hawks 4 Kewford Eagles 2

Halas U13s girls put in their most clinical performance of the season in this cup game against Kewford. They led one nil at half time after a cross from Elizabeth Thomas was turned into her own net by a defender. The visitors equalised soon after the break but an excellent cross by Sophie Miller was turned in by Amy Plimmer, who grabbed her second shortly after. Amy Sargent then scored the team's fourth before Kewford, who always looked dangerous on the break, pulled one back through a penalty to make the final score 4-2.

### Halas Hawks 1 Withymoor 0

The U15s girls had a hard fought game against Withymoor which was decided by a single goal by Laura Smith. A great defensive display saw Halas hold on to the win with some important tackles made by Shelby Jones

### Boys League

#### Phoenix Youth 2 Halas Hawks East 1

The U9s East were gifted an own goal by Phoenix Youth but they were unable to take advantage and lost 2-1.

### Kewford Eagles South 2 Halas Hawks West 1

The U9s West took the lead against Kewford South through Jayke Adams, but they struggled to find any rhythm and Kewford equalised and then found a winner from an excellent free kick in the dying seconds of the match. Man of the match went to George Priest.

### Trysull Tigers 1 Halas Hawks East 2

The U10s East travelled to Trysull and got another good win. Halas didn't start well and Trysull took a deserved lead with a goal from a corner, but Halas got better as the game went on and Oliver Miller equalised before half time from a Trysull goal kick which he fired back in from long range. Charlie Greening scored the winner for Halas direct from a free kick. Man of the match went to Tom Baker and Josh Yorke, who stood in as a goalkeeper.

### Kewford Eagles 4 Halas Hawks 3

The U12s played without their recognised goalkeeper against Kewford Eagles and lost 4-3 with their goals coming from Jonty Round, Nick Bennett and Mohammed Mohamed.

### Halas Hawks 6 Thimblemill Rec Vipers 1 U14s

The U14s put in a strong first half performance which saw them race into a three goal lead with goals from Jack Bagley, Jack Guest and Liam Holmes. Thimblemill hit back with a goal in the second half, until Halas imposed their strength with goals from Adam Higginson and a brace from Michael Moreton, to make it a 6-1 final score. Man of the match was Tom Bagley for a great midfield performance.

### Sedgley Scorpions 0 Halas 3

The U17s started slowly but defensively strong against a determined Sedgley side. A super strike from Ben Hughes broke the deadlock in the first half with both teams only creating half chances. The second half saw Halas step up a gear and go 2-0 up through a Jay Harper header. A penalty 10 mins from the end by Mitch Wells sealed a 3-0 win.

### Halas 2 Callowbrook Swifts 1

The U18s took on Callowbrook from the Central Warwick League in the Sunday Youth Challenge Cup and in a very competitive game Halas continued their good form and finished 2-1 winners, goals coming from Ryan Howard and Marc Perry.

## KIDDERMINSTER 0 CAMBRIDGE 0

Kidderminster Harrier' assistant boss Gary Whild saluted goalkeeper Tony Breeden for his man-of-the-match display in an exciting goalless draw with high-riding Cambridge United.

"He had an outstanding game," said Whild after watching the 23-year-old produce an impressive performance which included a first-half penalty save.

Hero Breeden was the centre of attention as early as the 12th minute when he was in danger of being sent off.

He appeared to handle outside the area when the ball bounced awkwardly but, after consulting a linesman, referee Jerry Simpson showed leniency by dish out a yellow card.

"I don't think it was a red card and the referee was excellent," added Whild. "He refereed with common sense with a couple of tackles early on and I felt he got the decision right with Breeden because it wasn't deliberate."

Breeden's survival proved vital for Harriers, particularly in the 24th minute when fourth-placed Cambridge were awarded a penalty following a handling offence by Lee Vaughan. Ashley Carew stepped up to take the kick which was well saved by Breeden as he dived low to his left.

The Aggborough keeper went on to make further important saves in an absorbing match in which Kidderminster hit the woodwork twice.

The stalemate means Kidderminster will go into tomorrow's clash at Ebbsfleet United still in eighth place in the Blue Square Bet Premier table.

## Bagged

Harriers almost went ahead in the closing stages of the first half when Steve Guinan, who bagged a brace when his side won 2-1 at Cambridge in August, hit the bar. Callum Gittings fired wide from the rebound and had another couple of chances which he was unable to convert.

After the interval both sides slugged it out in an attempt to get their noses in front. Breeden pulled off an excellent save to thwart Jordan Patrick and then, on 70 minutes, Vaughan put over a cross which Gittings headed against the post.

Harriers handed a debut to former Aston Villa and England international Lee Hendrie when he came on as a 60th minute replacement for Dave Hankin.

The switches enabled Steve Burr's men to step up the momentum, but they failed to produce a goal in a match which neither side deserved to lose.

The draw stretched the U's unbeaten league run to eight matches and Whild said: "There was certainly plenty of entertainment and, to be fair, you can see why they are near the top of the table."

**Kidderminster:** Breeden; Vaughan, Sharpe, Briscoe, Demetriou, Vincent, Bird (Storer, 60), Gittings; Hankin (Hendrie, 60), Guinan (Wright, 7), Matt. **Subs not used:** Jones, Marc Williams.

**Cambridge:** Nisbett; Jennings, Coulson, Wyld, Thorpe (McAuley, 73), Shaw, Carew, Jarvis, Gash, Hughes (Murtagh, 69), Winn (Patrick, 58). **Subs not used:** Charles, Marriott.

**Referee:** J Simpson (Lancaster). **Attendance:** 1,899 (298 away fans).

## White Lions roar to devour the Colts

### Sedgley White Lions Girls 3 Kinvor Colts 0

AFTER being frustrated by a strong Kinvor side before the break Sedgley made their dominance count in the second half. Bethany Male, Jessica Thompson and Khloe Hyde were on target as Sedgley ran out comfortable winners.

### Legion Lions 2 Sedgley White Lions 3

SEDGLEY's under-13 boys came from behind to win a dramatic encounter in the dying minutes.

Lesion were 2-0 up at the break and coasting to victory, with their second goal coming direct from a corner. Brad Ormerod began the Sedgley fight-back before Matt Cartwright levelled things up at 2-2.

With just five minutes left Kyle Green popped up to score the winner as Sedgley took home all three points.



Harriers' Mickey Demetriou, right, and Ashley Carew

Pics: Steve Leath

## Thank Evans for keeping Poole dry

### Halesowen 0 Poole Tn 0

HEROIC home goalkeeper Paul Evans kept out a Poole penalty and produced a series of superb saves to earn Halesowen a point in this Evo-Stik League Southern Division One South and West clash.

Evans kept the scores level with a top class double penalty save from Micky Hubbard in the 28th minute after Hubbard had been brought down by Brendan Kelly.

Evans dived to his left to keep out the Dolphins' spot-kick and then punched the rebound clear.

Halesowen's best chance of the first half fell after just five minutes.

Justin Nisbett exposed mid-table Poole's defence but Anthony Bruce dragged his shot wide when free in the penalty area.

The Yeltz created just a few further half-chances, although Gavin Saunders struck wide on the half-volley and Nisbett fired over before the interval.

Early in the second half, Lee Chilton volleyed a clever flick from Nathan Jones wide.

Evans excelled again with a superb 56th minute reflex save after Carl Preston's volley took a late

deflection towards the top corner off Kane Days.

Chilton then did well to hold off two defenders before turning to shoot at visiting goalkeeper Nick Hutchings.

But Evans kept the score-sheet blank with two further splendid late saves.

The agile goalkeeper scooped the ball out from Michael Walker's 80th minute header and then denied Preston after Halesowen full-back James Loney lost the ball.

Poole captain Walker missed two last-gasp chances and Nisbett had a last-minute chance to snatch victory for Halesowen but the stalemate was preserved as goalkeeper Hutchings claimed the ball in a one-on-one.

**Halesowen Town:** Evans; Loney, Caines, Folkes, Kelly, McGrath, Bruce, Saunders, Jones, Nisbett, Chilton. **Unused Subs:** Mason, Westwood, Gueyres, Borrey.

**Poole Town:** Hutchings; Clarke, Spetch, Days, Walker, Howes, Gill (Herbert 64), Hubbard, Jeffes (Joyce 68), Preston, Cann (Smith 88). **Subs:** Richardson, Brookes.

**Referee:** S. Postin (Coventry)

## Gornal's Craven

### Bewdley Town1 Gornal Athletic 2

Substitute Seb Craven hit the winner for Gornal with a superb overhead kick in a tough game at Bewdley Town.

The home side started brightly with Chris Seekings rattling the post.

The opening goal of the game was very much route one. A long kick from the Bewdley keeper found Chris Hough, his neat touch took him past the Gornal defence and he slotted the ball into the bottom corner.

Gornal were on top after the break but were guilty of wasting a number of chances and failed to net from the penalty spot when Matt Weyman fired wide.

The visitors continued to press and were rewarded on 85 minutes when Seb Craven tapped in from close range.

Gornal then claimed the points in style when, following some neat build-up play, Marvin Nisbett's cross was acrobatically fired home by Craven.

## FA Cup heroes run out of steam

### Stourbridge0 Chester2

TWO goals in the last quarter of a tight match sent Stourbridge tumbling out of the FA Trophy at the hands of the Evo-Stik League Premier Division league leaders Chester FC.

The run of high-profile fixtures, perhaps, caught up with Gary Hackett's men as for all their endeavours, their attacking play lacked some of the flair and fluidity they had shown in recent weeks against a strong Chester side.

The Glassboys defensive look also had a make-shift feel to it. Missing from Tuesday's night FA Cup triumph over Plymouth were the injured Paul McCone and Sean Evans, while Paul Lloyd was unavailable and Aaron Drake suspended.

In-front of another bumper Amblecote crowd of 1,481, the visitors enjoyed some early pressure, but it was home defender Nathan Bennett who had the first real chance when he headed over from a Sean Geddes corner.

## Rising

Chester were then left fuming when Michael Powell found the net with a rising 18-yard shot, only to see the 'goal' chalked off as Matt McNeil was adjudged to be offside.

Chester offered the greater threat through the efforts of winger Iain Howard and striker McNeil and the duo almost combined in the 16th minute as Howard crossed from the left, but McNeil could not keep his header down.

Stourbridge responded with Ben Billingham and Sam Rock lashed efforts off target.

Glassboys keeper Lewis Solly was forced into a save from a 20-yard shot from Antoni Sarcevic before the hosts had a let-off when Howard's low cross just evaded McNeil.

Ryan Rowe wasted a chance for the hosts when his shot lacked sufficient power to trouble John Danby in the Chester goal.

Solly denied Powell at the start of the second half before Rowe saw his lob clear the crossbar as the hosts hit back.

The deadlock was finally broken in the 67th minute when Howard cashed in on some sloppy defending.

Chester clinched victory with 10 minutes remaining, when McNeil prodded home.

## Makeshift side gets trounced

### K-minster Carolians RFC 7 Halesowen 2nds 39

A makeshift Kinvor side went down 39-7 against Halesowen 2nds in a friendly fixture at Marpool Lane. Flyhalf Chris Pinner scored the points, converting his own try.



# sport

## Tividale push their claims for title

### Westfields1 Tividale 2

TIVIDALE fired out a Midland Alliance title warning with an impressive success over pre-season championship favourites Westfields.

In a pulsating game, the visitors fully deserved the three points. Not only for the way they outplayed the strong Herefordshire side, but because they kept their discipline and handled some questionable decisions from the officials, including two very innocuous bookings in the first 10 minutes.

Tividale started brightly and for the first 15 minutes the home side couldn't get the

ball anywhere near the visitors' penalty area. Indeed, Tividale should have gone in front after just four minutes when Bekir Halil and Jason Chilton teamed up brilliantly down the left with the latter's cross just evading Chris Russell with the goal at his mercy.

Tividale were rocked when the hosts took the lead against the run of play. A harmless looking effort from Carl Morgan took a couple of deflections and completely wrong-footed keeper Tim Beech.

The second half continued much in the same way as the first but with even more

Tividale dominance and enterprise. Jukes and Russell were constantly causing all sorts of problems up front with the two Adams – Hill and Wattle – dominating the middle.

It seemed just a matter of time before Tividale scored and on 68 minutes they deservedly equalised when Jukes fired home from close range.

By the time the equaliser came, the home side were on the ropes.

It did, however, take Tividale until the 82nd minute to grab what proved to be the winning goal. Andy Parsons rose to power home a header from 12 yards

# SINGLE IS ENOUGH FOR THE ROBINS

## PEGASUS JUNIORS 0 DUDLEY TOWN 1

West Midlands (Regional) League  
Premier Division

On a weekend where the results of football matches were put firmly into perspective Dudley Town responded in the best possible fashion to last week's 8-0 mauling at Shifnal Town with a competent 1-0 victory over out-of-form Pegasus Juniors.

The Robins' manager Andy Burgess was able to name goalkeeper James Trevalen in his side after the shot-stopper, who had missed last Saturday's defeat in Shropshire made his transfer to The Dell, from Midland Alliance outfit Tividale, permanent in the week.

Also returning to the fold were the wide duo of Nikki Faux and Anthony Cox which allowed Dreniz Bala to continue his recovery from a niggling hamstring problem.

This performance was the complete opposite to last Saturday's display as the visitors took control of the game from the off.

They were unfortunate not to be ahead after just three minutes. Richard Langford heading a ball on to the post that then gratefully bounced back into the hands of Juniors' impressive keeper Bryn Watkins.

### Smashed

On the quarter hour there was another good chance for Town when Alex Perry smashed his shot against the crossbar.

The front pairing of Rion Francis-Mills and Ben Store continually hassled the Pegasus backline whilst at the other end Trevalen was in complete control of marshalling a solid Dudley defence that kept their fourth clean sheet in six games.

But the visitors had to wait until the 40th minute to deservedly grab the only goal of the game, when Store headed a high ball over Watkins and into the back of the net. The second half brought a new face into the fold as referee Langdon pulled up injured meaning his assistant moved into the middle.

Pegasus thought they had equalised on 59 minutes when Cory Hyde rose unchallenged to head home a corner although at the time Andy Burgess' side were in the middle of a substitution which saw Francis-Mills being replaced by former Enville midfielder Kieron Snead and led to the goal being deemed invalid.

## Roynon returns to take the helm at Heathens



Adam Roynon is unveiled as Dudley Heathens captain.

Picture: Jonathan Hipkins

Dudley Heathens have signed Adam Roynon as their number one and skipper for the 2012 speedway season.

The 23-year-old Cumberland was unveiled to a lavish ovation at a fans' talk-in at Cradley Heath Liberal Club last night, writes *Tim Hamblin*.

Roynon, whose time last year with the Heathens was blighted by injury but who helped them to the National Fours title, said: "I'm so proud to be back."

"To be skipper and number one – words cannot say how I feel."

"I just want to make everyone proud and bring some silverware back, like we did this year."

Roynon quickly became a fans' favourite during his spell at 'Monmore Wood' and was pleased to accept the club's offer of the captaincy.

Chairman Nigel Pearson said: "Adam is a great character and what he deserves above all else is a clear run free of injuries."

"If he goes through the season without any problems, I would expect him to add a point to his starting figure and be right at the top of the National League averages."

"He was only able to ride a handful of matches for us last season, but he soon developed a great affection for the club and the fans. We're delighted to have him back."



Tom Bulteel who scored a hat-trick against Solihull

### OLD HALESIANS HOCKEY CLUB

#### OHHC 1st XI 10 Solihull Blossomfield 1

Old Halesians Hockey 1st XI thrashed bottom of the league Solihull Blossomfield 10-1, including a hat-trick from Tom Bulteel.

It was Bulteel who opened the scoring early on and it was soon clear the home side were going to dominate. Hales' second goal soon came, when Paul Harrold found Captain Doug Houghton who powered the ball into the goal.

Substitute Graham Knight then put his name on the score sheet, just seconds after entering the game. Solihull had very little in the way of attack, and struggled to get out of their own half. Old Hales were able to make it 4-0 before half time, when Bulteel grabbed his second.

Bulteel completed his hat-trick just after the restart, when he capitalised on some sloppy Solihull defending. Bulteel easily beat the Solihull GK one-on-one, to make it 5-0. Mark Curzon got a goal from a deflection, before Josh Randhawa made it 7-0. Hales kept the ball well and pounced on mistakes by the visiting side. Harry Hughes was able to convert a penalty from 7 yards to give Hales a 8-0 lead. Knight got his second of the game to make it 9 with 10 minutes left. A lapse in concentration from Hales allowed Solihull to steal a consolation goal. Captain Houghton was able to make it double figures for Old Halesians, as he sealed his brace.

#### OHHC 3rd XI 10 West Bromwich 0

Old Halesians 3rd XI continued the scoring trend when they got off to the perfect start as they broke the deadlock in the opening minute as Damian Shackleton scored from a penalty corner. After then there was no going back as 'The Revolution' 3rd XI attacked constantly, trying out their new 3-4-3 formation.

Shackleton was able to grab two more to ensure his hat-trick, whilst in the goal fest Adam Hill was able to grab three of his own. Charles Palmer had an impressive game, as he was full of energy, never greedy and even bagged himself a brace. Matt Harrold and Steve Butler also made the score sheet as Hales made it 10-0. In the final moment Charlton scored which got the biggest cheer from the crowd only to be disallowed for back stick.

#### Harborne 0 OHHC 4th XI 3

In their final game before the winter break, Old Halesians 4th XI dominated away at Harborne as they got three points following a 3-0 victory. An impressive first time reverse stick shot from Jim Gurnin set Hales on their way to victory, as he made it 1-0 to the visitors early on. John Mellor was able to make it 2-0 to Hales before the break. In the second half, Hales continued to control possession, and Mark O'Connell was able to make it 3-0 for the 4th XI before the full time whistle.

#### Other Results:

OHHC Ladies 3 Kidderminster 0  
Finchfield 2 OHHC 2nd XI 1  
OHHC 5th XI 0 Finchfield 7  
Streety 2 OHHC Badgers 0

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# Saxons hang on to grab much-needed win

## Barking 13 Stourbridge Saxons 15

Stourbridge Saxons hung on to take a long-awaited victory at Barking thanks to a defensive effort that kept the home team scoreless for the entire second half.

The winning margin at Goresbrook was just two points in an error-strewn match – but Stourbridge will just be glad to register a victory and move off the bottom of the National League One table.

After a poor first half, which finished with them trailing 13-5, Stourbridge dominated the second period.

Straight from the restart they camped in the Barking half and had spurned a long-range penalty as well as running into some resolute defending before Matt Williams scored.

The left wing squeezed into the corner and somehow managed to get the ball down before he was dragged into touch. Woodrow added the extras with a superb swerving kick from the touchline to reduce the deficit to a single point.

A prolonged period of pressure following that saw the Saxons spurn a number of chances as Barking's defence clung on for dear life.

In the end it was left to the impressive Woodrow to give them a narrow lead for the first time in the match when he slotted over a penalty.

Stourbridge were forced to hold on as their scrum came under pressure and Barking twice went close to crossing the line. But they held firm to secure the vital victory. That win had looked a long way off when Stourbridge got off to the worst possible start, 10-0 down after just 12 minutes through a Chris Ashwin penalty and a converted Chris Jones try.

They did score on a rare visit to the Barking 22. For once the line-out functioned perfectly as Liam Wordley found Robbie Hurrell and then the hooker took the ball over the line for what turned out to be a crucial five points.

Ashwin's second penalty left it 13-5 at the half, but things could only get better for the Saxons – and they did.

● The Saxons' win at Barking may have been a cause for celebration after a poor run had seen them slip to the foot of the National League One table.

But Director of Rugby Neil Mitchell warns there is still much work to be done if they are to stave off the threat of relegation this season, particularly as other basement sides gained points.

"The place will be lifted by the result, of course it is good, but Barking got a losing bonus point and Wharfedale got five against Cambridge so it's only a three-point win," said Mitchell. The Saxons boss highlighted one key area where

work was needed – Stourbridge's misfiring lineup.

"It was scrappy and our own lineup was very poor, our hit rate was only 25 per cent," he explained. "We let ourselves down in the lineup but it is fixable and changes will be made if need be."

"It can be a massive weapon, we know that, but you have to take more than 25 per cent of your own ball."

The Saxons return to Stourton Park this weekend for another tough test with an out-of-forms Cambridge the visitors. Challenging near the top of the table earlier on in the campaign, three defeats from their last four games has seen them tumble down the table, but Mitchell knows it will still be a tough game.

"It just shows what an open league it is," he said. "Both Cambridge and Ealing lost last weekend but I know just how Bob Crooks, Cambridge's Director of Rugby, operates blood on the carpet."

Stourbridge may well be without wing Nathan Bressington and full-back Jamie Hearn who left the pitch carrying injuries at Barking. Centre Ben Barkley should be available after recovering from injury and Mitchell also needs to decide where the influential Mark Woodrow fits into the equation. The former Birmingham & Solihull man was singled out by his director of rugby after putting in a man of the match display.

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